

GROWTH GUIDE

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THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES
Joy for the Weary | ISAIAH 35
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Joy from encouragement. Isaiah 35:1-4
2. Joy from salvation. Isaiah 35:5-7
3. Joy from fellowship. Isaiah 35:8-10

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything that encouraged, challenged, or confused you?
2. Does the healing in verses 5 and 6 refer to physical healing, spiritual healing, or both? How do you know?
3. When you're anxious or fearful what sorts of things do you think or say to yourself? What does verse 4 say we should be thinking about instead? How does thinking about those things instead help with anxiety?
4. Isaiah 35:10 and Psalm 16:11 remind us that true joy and lasting satisfaction is found in the presence of the Lord. While we won't fully experience this until we're with him in eternity, how do we have fellowship with Him and find joy in His presence right now?
5. So often we try to create our own security. What are you tempted to look to for security? How does this actually lead to insecurity, fear, and worry?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Share with the group the one thing you were most anxious about this past week. How can you use the truth of Isaiah 35:4 this next week to help you be less anxious or fearful and to trust God more?
2. What trial or circumstance in your life makes you most weary right now? As a group, pray specifically for each person's joy in the midst of their weariness.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that we would find our hope, joy, and security in God alone.
2. Ask God to work through the Christmas toy shop here at church this week on 12/16: that people would be pointed to Christ, and that He would be glorified through our generosity.
3. Praise God that while we were unclean, he came down as a baby to be with us and wipe away our sins!