

THE PROMISED GIFT

Discussion Questions

12.8.19

THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Advent is a time to remember Christ is the gift of righteousness to you.

1. At Christmas we hear words like, “joy,” “hope” and “peace,” but not usually the word “righteousness.” What does righteousness mean to you?
2. In Luke 1:75, Zechariah sings about how the Messiah’s arrival opens the door for us to live in righteousness. Do you feel the arrival of Jesus empowers us to live differently?
3. Isaiah 11:4 links the concept of justice and righteousness together. Where in your life are you asking for God’s justice to be revealed? Where in our culture are you asking God’s justice to be made real?
4. Isaiah says that the Messiah will wear righteousness like a belt. Paul, in Ephesians, says we should wear righteousness like a breastplate. What does “putting on” or “wearing” righteousness look like to you?
5. In 1 Corinthians 1:30 Paul says that Christ is our righteousness and redemption. Why do we need Christ to be our righteousness?
6. What happens when we try to live righteously without the assistance of the Holy Spirit?
7. In 2 Peter 3:13, Peter says God will bring a day when righteousness dwells in the new heaven and a new earth. What does a world in which righteousness dwells look like? What would it look like for righteousness to dwell in your heart? Your home? Our church?

Key OLD TESTAMENT Scriptures

Isaiah 11:1-10

Key NEW TESTAMENT Scriptures

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 • Ephesians 5:8-10

Ephesians 6:13-14 • 2 Peter 3:13