



CONVERSATIONS

session page

Imagine

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Session 11.49

Before the Session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- *Listen to the Faithelement podcast for this week before the session!*
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at faithelement.net.

Context

Start by reminding the group about Bert's introduction, based on family stories about his Uncle Bill and stumps, as the topics relate to Peace. Continue by asking:

- When you think of a perfect world, what do you imagine that would be like?
- What leads us to stop being as imaginative as we were as children?
- Assuming we do, where do we see our imaginations at work once we grow up?
- How can we do things that we can't first imagine doing?
- In what ways is imagination a part of a healthy faith?

Content

Read [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) and watch the Bible Background Video for this session before asking:

- What most stands out to you about this passage and why?
- How do you feel about the concept of judging by things other than the facts in evidence, as this passage seems to say Jesus will do?
- How does one decide things "with equity for the meek?"
- What does "righteousness" and "faithfulness" mean in the context of this passage?
- If Isaiah was to write this passage for today's audience, what examples of unexpected cooperation might he cite?

Closure

Share the ["Free Solo 360" video](#) (Note, this video is even more amazing if you watch in on a computer and realize that you can move the camera around!)

- How could someone imagine their way through successfully doing something like this?
- What do we typically imagine as we play our days or more extended periods of our future?
- If you could imagine world peace, how would you describe it?
- What would a more "fair" economic or healthcare system look like?
- In what ways might we extend our imaginations to the point where they benefit others?
- How can you imagine that God will bring peace through this Advent season?

Close with a prayer.