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Isaiah 11:1-10 | Session 11.49

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of 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.
- Thoroughly review all the referenced resources for this session in advance.
- 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

Read this piece by Dan Rather on [how he recharges from information overload](#) and remind the group that We now live in constant information overload. We have news 24/7 and what was the main story this morning won't be the top story tonight. We have at our fingertips constant opinions and disagreements on social media. We are so entrenched on sides of debates that we quit talking to each other. Ask:

- How do you get along with those who may disagree with you?
- What do you think it takes to find interpersonal peace in the world we live in today?

- How does peace help you?
- What part does faith play in finding such peace?

Content

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

- What is it about the leader Isaiah describes that seems different than what we look for today as a leader?
- How does one judge “with righteousness” as opposed to some other way?
- As you read the imagery Isaiah shares, which image is most appealing and why?
- In what ways do you see bits of this peaceable kingdom today?
- In what ways is leadership important in setting the culture of a nation or a church?

Closure

Listen to [Casting Crowns sing “Peace on Earth”](#) and ask:

- Which image from this song most struck you and why?
- When we talk about the larger theme of “peace on earth,” what do we really mean?
- As we talk about peace, in what ways do we as citizens help set the tone in our nation?
- How do we as Christians set the tone for how Christianity and the church is viewed, in light of the universal desire for peace?
- What kinds of things can we do to better bring about the peace that we seek, either between individuals, tribes, or countries?

Close with a prayer that ends something like "Prince of Peace, may we learn to be people of peace and light in your name. Amen."

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