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Imagine

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Session 11.49

Before the Session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- 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

Play the Imagine video (You may wish to find the longer version of the song for your group) and ask:

- How many of you were alive when John Lennon was shot?
- What kind of message did the shooter seem to convey about Lennon's view of peace? Can his image of peace actually happen?
- Why do you think we long for that?
- What causes this song to seem timeless and treasured in the music world?
- How is it possible to truly imagine/visualize peace as a reality vs everyone seeming to fight like cats and dogs?

Content

Read [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) before watching the Bible Background Video. Ask:

- What does this vision of Isaiah sound like to you?
- What do you think it meant to original hearers?
- How well do you think the ruler described here embodies “greatness” and why?
- What is a leader supposed to bring to the people who are led?
- How possible or practical is this vision of a peaceable kingdom in Isaiah’s day or today?
- Why do we need a vision or a goal to achieve greatness as we live in the “already, not yet” time?
- In what ways does this passage relate to your dreams and the dreams of others around you?
- What does peace look like in your dreams?

Closure

Continue by asking:

- Since everyone seems to dream of peace, why is it so hard to find?
- Isaiah has a vision of natural enemies in the animal kingdom getting along peacefully so what can we do to be more peaceful with each other?

Play the [What If We Could See Other's Hearts Like God Does clip](#) and ask:

- Why is it not easy to look at things from other’s perspectives?
- With whose perspective do you most struggle and why?
- How is putting yourself in someone else’s place a good step in bringing God’s peaceable Kingdom to earth?

Close in prayer.

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