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## Imagine

### 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.
- 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](http://faithelement.net).

#### Context (From the Media Session Page)

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 (From the Mind Session Page)

Read [Isaiah 11:1-10](#) and watch the Bible background video. Now that we've seen today's passage, let's look at what comes before it. Have someone read aloud chapter 1 (or at least the first 15 verses) and ask:

- Why do you think it was so important for Isaiah to state that the promised Messiah was to come from the "stock of Jesse?"
- Given that the "spirit of the Lord" was to have so many dimensions, why is "fear of the Lord" the one where his delight centered?
- How do you feel about the idea that the Messiah was set to decide for the meek of the earth, regardless of the evidence placed before him?
- What does it mean to "judge with righteousness?"
- Which of the various images of peace in this passage do you find most appealing and why?
- If you could add a modern image of peace, where things you don't expect to go together suddenly do, what would you choose?

## Closure (from the Conversations Session page)

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.