

Water of Life Community Church

ZECHARIAH – IMPARTING HOPE

WEEK THREE

ZECHARIAH 3:8; 6:12-13

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

What can God make out of our messes? How can He work when our circumstances are so difficult that we are small, insignificant, and inept by comparison? We see throughout scripture that the way of the Father is to grow us from nothing to something. This is most vividly demonstrated in the life of Christ. At a time when there seemed to be no hope at all, Jesus broke through the darkness of this world and shined His light of hope. He does the same for us today when we let His light shine over us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ ZECHARIAH 3:8.

- a. Recall the historical context of Zechariah from the previous two weeks.
- b. Considering the situation Israel was in, why would it have been important for Joshua and the other leaders to know that they were a symbol for God's Servant Jesus who was still to come?
- c. What does "the Branch" as a name for Jesus say to you about Him?

2. READ ZECHARIAH 6:12-13.

- a. In the Old Testament, "the temple of the Lord" refers to a physical structure where God's presence resides. What does "the temple of the Lord" refer to for New Testament believers like you and me?
- b. Why is it important in reading and understanding scripture to know that every verse ultimately points to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
- c. Read Isaiah 11:1-5. What is significant about the link between the king Isaiah promised and Jesse (v. 1)? What do you think is significant about the "shoot," "stump," and "branch" language within the Book of Isaiah?
- d. What characteristics about this King from Isaiah 11 stand out to you the most right now? Why?

e. Why do you think there is an emphasis on the Spirit of the Lord in the passage? How does this relate to the title "Messiah"? Why is having the Lord's presence crucial for doing the Lord's work?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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MEMORY VERSE

Jeremiah 33:15 Christian Standard Version (CSV)

"In those days and at that time I will cause a Righteous Branch to sprout up for David, and he will administer justice and righteousness in the land."

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