

Advent
Blessed Hope
Sunday, November 30, 2025

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11 NIV

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

1. **The Coming Messiah.**
2. **Messianic Mission.**
3. **Transformation and Restoration.**
4. **Rejoice! With Holy Joy.**

Conclusion: Our Messiah was promised to come and bring the Good News of our salvation through Him. **He came!** He is promised to come again to bring all believers into glory with Him, and to make all things

new. **He will come!** This is the blessed hope we hold that came down from Heaven when Jesus was born.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Blessed Hope
Week of November 30- December 6, 2025

Ice Breaker: What helps you remain in hope?

Read Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11.

1. On a more immediate level, what is this news about?
2. What happened to the people of Judah? Where were they sent?
3. What hope might exiled Judah have in hearing this prophecy?
4. On an eternal scale, who is this referencing? (v.1)
5. Read Luke 4:16-21. What does Jesus profess?
6. What is the purpose of Jesus' coming? (v.1)
7. Who is He specifically bringing the good news to? (v.1) Why?
8. What will the anointing from God provide? (v.1)
9. What does this mean for us? For you?
10. What is He announcing? (v.2)
11. What is the year of the Lord's favor likened to? Read Leviticus 25:8-12. What does this mean for believers? How will God reset things?
12. What else will come about and when will it come? (v.2) Why?
13. Notice the amount of time for favor vs. vengeance? What does this tell you about the heart of our God? Are these literal times?
14. What will be granted to Zion (believers) when Christ returns? (v.3) Does this fill you with hope?
15. What will faithful believers be called? (v.3) What does this tell you about our future and how God sees us? Does this encourage you?
16. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. As we consider the glory of the Lord, what happens to us even now?
17. What is our response as we trust in the Lord's promises? (v.10)
18. What are we clothed in? Who are we likened as? (v.10)
19. What is the fulfillment of God's promises? (v.11)
20. What hope does this promise give you about our broken world?
21. Read Revelation 7:9-10. What is the fulfillment of the Messianic mission? How does this relate to Isaiah 61?
22. Read Revelation 21:1-2, 5. How does this vision of what is yet to come align with what was given to the prophet Isaiah?
23. What is the significance of Jesus' birth in lieu of these promises?
24. What is the hope we celebrate at Christmas?

Point to ponder: Stand firm in your faith and hope in Jesus for He is the hope of nations!