

December Sermon Series

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 WEEK 3 | Isaiah 61:1-4 | Rebuild

We live in a world that promises comfort, joy, and connection during Christmas, yet it often brings feelings of anxiety, distraction, and disconnection. Beneath the festive lights and traditions, many silently wonder if there's more to Christmas than what's typically shown. They search for lasting hope that goes beyond just the seasonal happiness.

Hope for the Holidays encourages us to prepare for Christmas by slowing down, paying attention, and reconnecting with what truly matters. It invites us to find hope and a sense of home—not through perfection or achievement, but through a God who meets us right where we are.

BIG IDEA

Joy occurs when God rebuilds our lives even while things are still difficult.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- 2. Isaiah declares that God vows to restore His people. Have you experienced God rebuilding or renewing something within you this year? How does that renewal inspire hope in the parts of your life that still seem broken or in ruins?
- 3. God offers "joy instead of mourning" by transforming people from within. Consider how God might cultivate joy in you even amid grief or waiting, and identify which part of your heart most needs His rebuilding or strengthening this season.
- 4. Joy is described as God's strength increasing within us even before any change occurs. Who in your life needs a reminder that God is still in the process of rebuilding them? How might you encourage them this week?
- 5. How can we pray for you?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask God to show you the areas where He wants to rebuild joy in your life.