

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. In Isaiah 60.1-3, Isaiah describes Jesus using the metaphor of light. Why do you think Isaiah used light as the metaphor? What other passages in the Bible can you think of where light is also used to describe God and His work?
2. Read Revelation 21.23. John tells us that the new heavens and earth will exclusively and continuously be illuminated by the glory of God in Jesus. How should this shape our view of our life with God in eternity (and in the present)?
3. Given our time and place in redemptive history, it could be easy for us to take the global reach of the gospel for granted. But why would Isaiah's original audience be surprised by the promise that people from all nations will be saved?
4. Read Isaiah 60.5-6 and Revelation 21.24-26. What are some of the things that the nations will bring to God? How was this partially fulfilled in the story of the birth of Jesus? How does this help us see how all of life is to be lived for the glory of God?
5. Read Isaiah 60.18-20 and Revelation 22.1-3. What are some of the ways God's people will experience healing in the new heavens and earth? Share some of the ways you long for healing in your life.
6. In Isaiah 60.22, God says, "I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it." How does this promise give us confidence that all of this will come to pass? How does it give us endurance to work and wait for it to come to pass?