

Discussion Guide for "Wanting What's Right"

Christmas is for Dreamers Week 1

The Christmas season is in full swing! With Black Friday behind us and the steady march toward Christmas Day begun, our wanting engines are warming up. But how do we know what the right things to hope for are? Isaiah invites the people of Judah to want God's justice and salvation: a gift for the whole world!

Scriptures for Further Reading

<u>Isaiah 2:1-5</u> <u>Psalm 122</u> <u>Matthew 24:36-44</u> <u>Romans 13:11-14</u>

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a <u>step-by-step guide here</u>. The passage for this week's sacred reading is <u>Isaiah 1:1-2:5</u>.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Have you started thinking about what you want for Christmas? What kinds of things are on your list this year?
- 2. Tim quoted C. S. Lewis, saying our desires are not too strong, but too weak. What did Lewis mean by that?
- 3. Review Isaiah 2:1-5. What did the people of Judah want? Why were their desires weak in God's view?
- 4. How did the prophet help them desire something better? What is the content of his dream?
- 5. This Advent season, how might God shape your desires for something stronger?