



## Discussion Guide for “Resistance as Hope”

### *Christmas is for Dreamers Week 3*

Hope isn't automatic. To be a person of hope means to live into the "maybe". Maybe things will be better if we act. Isaiah invites us to rejoice as an act of hope.

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[Psalm 146:5-10](#)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

[Luke 1:46-55](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Luke 1:46-55](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. On a scale of 1-10, how joyful are you right now?
2. Reflect on Advent so far. What have you been hoping for?
3. JR. shared the story of the Kiowa nation's gourd dance. How is the Gourd Dance an act of resistance for the Kiowa nation?
4. Review Isaiah 35:1-10. What is the prophet's instruction to the current listeners? How is that instruction a pathway to hope?
5. What does it look like for you to rejoice this week as you prepare for Christmas?