

And HIS NAME
Shall be called...

Mighty God



WEEK 2: DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 9

WELCOME

- Spend the first few minutes visiting and catching up.
- Take attendance. Who's missing? Follow up with those who are not present.

PRAY

Lord, we know that you are a Mighty God. Help us to see where you are at work in our lives and the lives of others. We know it can be hard to understand when our prayers are not answered the way we want but we know that you love us and we can trust you. Amen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The sermon opens asking whether we believe in the power of God, and shares the stories of St. Luke's staff. Have you had an experience that you can't explain but that you attribute to God's power? Share as you're comfortable.
- When you think about a Mighty God, what about that image is comforting? What is challenging?
- When do you find in your life that you're most able to trust God? How did you connect with the idea of trusting God even when God doesn't do what you ask?
- The final question is, "Do you believe in the power of God?" How would you answer that question now? What difference does the answer make in how you live your life?

PRAY REQUESTS

Isaiah 11:1-9(NRSV)

- 1 A shoot shall come out from the stump
of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his
roots.
- 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the Lord.
- 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the
Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
4 but with righteousness he shall judge
for the poor
and decide with equity for the
oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of
his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall
kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around
his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his
loins.
- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the
hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its
hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge
of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.