

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for December 1 & 2, 2018:  
*It's a Wonderful Life: Hope in It*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- What is your favorite Christmas movie?

- **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.*

**Isaiah 11:1-5**

- What are you hoping for as you look toward Christmas? How likely do you think that hope will actually happen?
- If you were an Israelite in Isaiah's day, what might you have expected from his prophecy above?
- Where do you see Jesus in the prophecy above?
- Where in your life are you giving up hope that things will ever get better?
- Knowing what you know today, what might you have said to a discouraged person in Isaiah's day?
- Discuss: *Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.*

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- **Serve**

- To whom might you bring life and hope this Christmas season?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**