

## THE DAWN OF A NEW CREATION

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT IS THIS NEW CREATION GOING TO BE LIKE?
  - Perfect life
  - Perfect joy
  - Perfect beauty
  - Perfect community
  - The presence of God
2. WHEN WILL THIS NEW CREATION HAPPEN?
3. WHY DOES THIS NEW CREATION MATTER RIGHT NOW?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Christmas is less than a week away. What are some of your most impactful memories that you have associated with Christmas?
3. In Isaiah 35 we read about a "new creation" that is coming where everything is perfect. What is your response to this sort of message?
4. The first Christmas was the dawning of the new creation we read about in Isaiah 35. While we still live in a world that hasn't been fully renewed yet, the characteristics of the new creation can begin to be seen in God's people. When you look at your own life and the life of the church what evidence do see of this new creation (life, joy, beauty, community, presence of God)?
5. What are some reasons that God started his new creation inside of us instead of outside of us?
6. Can you relate to the people of Israel who had weak hands and shaking knees (Isaiah 35:3)? Are you dealing with anxiety, discouragement or lack of drive to work? How can dwelling on God's new creation keep us from losing hope and giving up?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** We can stand up, move forward, work, build, love, defend, worship AND we can eat drink and merry. Not because tomorrow we die, but because today and tomorrow we live!