



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

HOW DID IT GO? {10 MINUTES}

Over the Thanksgiving week, did you...

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you ways to love others?
- Memorize John 13:34-35 and repeat it before breakfast each morning?
- Attend worship services regularly and take advantage of learning opportunities through Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and other FPC activities?
- Send a thank you note to a brother or sister who has been influential in your relationship with Christ?
- Invite someone outside of your immediate family who may have been lonely and without family this holiday season to join your family celebration for Thanksgiving?
- Share over the Thanksgiving table this year why you love and appreciate those in your immediate family and spiritual family?

NOVEMBER 28

SERMON TITLE

Isaiah's Song

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 12:2-6

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Isaiah 12:2-6 2 Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;

he has become my salvation.”

3 With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

4 In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done,

and proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;

let this be known to all the world.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

HEAD {15-20 MINUTES}

1. In what ways or areas of your life are you fearful? How can you trace that fear to a lack of trust in the God who saves?
2. Is your response to the reality of God's salvation characterized by joy? Why or why not?

Head

Observe the text and the author's main points.

3. Do your fellow believers, family, friends, colleagues, and/or neighbors know anything of the “great things” which the God who has come (and is coming again) has done in your life? If not, what would need to happen for that to change?

HEART {15-20 MINUTES}

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HANDS {10 MINUTES}

Reaching Upward: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- Identify a source of fear in your life and, when it arises this week, practice entrusting it to God through prayer.
- If your anticipation of the Advent season lacks joy, ask the Holy Spirit to instill a genuine joy in you this season.
- If your life has lacked praise and thanksgiving to the God who saves, listen to some Christ-focused Christmas songs until you can sing along with sincerity.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Look for a way to share the joy of Advent with someone by providing them a needed, but undeserved gift.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would provide you an opportunity to share with someone the “great things” that God has done for you.
- Invite friends to join you for the Family Advent Christmas Celebration on December 5th immediately following the services (11:45 AM-2 PM). Lunch and activities for the whole church family will be provided! There will be crafts and games for kids, Christmas cookies to decorate, photo booths for friends and family, and Advent Missions Market shopping for all!
- Consider inviting a family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague to FPC’s Messiah Sing-Along (December 5th, 7:30-8:30 PM) as a way of sharing the joy of Advent with them.

Reaching Beyond

- Any other way God is stirring you to put this passage into practice?

Heart

Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

Hands

Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for practical ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others.

Neighbor

Anyone in your life—whether a friend, colleague, family member, classmate, or literal neighbor—to whom you can show God’s love.

