

### **A Vision of the Coming Kingdom...**

### **Living now as citizens of this future kingdom within this broken world...**

#### **Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. What was helpful, challenging, or confusing from this study of God's Word?
2. What is meant by a "shoot from the stump of Jesse" in verse 1?
3. In verses 3-5 we see many things that the Messiah will do. Which of these things did Jesus accomplish in His first coming and which will He accomplish in His second coming?
4. What will no longer be present in the world under the Messiah's future cosmic reign according to verses 6-9?
5. We also see a vision of this future world in Revelation 21:4-5. What about Jesus' future cosmic reign most excites you? Why?
6. Verse 9 says that "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." Why is such cosmic knowledge of God necessary for a world filled with peace to exist?
7. What does it look like in your life to await Jesus' return?
8. How does the confident hope of Jesus' return impact the way you pray? (see Matthew 5:10, Psalm 2, and Acts 4:23-31)

9. How should our lives look different from the world around us as we live as citizens of God's kingdom amidst a broken and fallen world? How does your life look different?

10. As a citizen of God's Kingdom, how is God using you to address both the physical and spiritual needs of those around you?