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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Rise Up

... to Hope – Isaiah 60:1-3

Discussion Points

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Read/Reflect

1. Isaiah 60 is written specifically for people who live in hopeless circumstances, people who lost their livelihood, their home, their nation, people who live as strangers. Read the chapter and picture what is promised to them.
2. Refer to Revelation 21:9-27 (esp. vv.22-27). What similarities do you recognize between the two visions? Do you think Isaiah and Revelation are talking about the same thing? What's the significance of the Bible starting with a garden (of Eden) and ending with a Holy City?

Explore

3. How much do you feel like rising up to be a light in this world?
 - ☐ I'm too tired
 - ☐ It's no use
 - ☐ I need a push
 - ☐ I'm rising up
 - ☐ My light seems dim
 - ☐ I need vision to rise up
4. How or what do you think about God's work and your work or activity?
 - ☐ I would never think of them together, I've got my own thing going.
 - ☐ I think my work fulfills God's desires and plans, and so honors God.
 - ☐ I can only think of my work and I wish God would help me out more.
 - ☐ God's work is too holy and important, my work or activity contributes nothing to God's purpose.
 - ☐ I keep wondering off on my own thing, but I strive for all my activity to advance God's purpose.
5. Do you have a vision of the Holy City?
 - ☐ No, that's just "pie in the sky."
 - ☐ Yes, it's in heaven, far away from here.
 - ☐ Yes, it's a lot like where I live now, yet indescribable.
 - ☐ Yes, and it gives me confidence for what I'm working towards.
6. Where in your life can you rise up to let light shine?

Pray

- ✚ *Pray through any discouragement and despair that's going through your heart and mind, face it with the assurance of a renewed heaven and earth.*
- ✚ *Invite God to open your eyes to ways in which you are participating in his Kingdom.*

