

WEEK 3: DECEMBER 10-DECEMBER 16

WELCOME

- Spend the first few minutes visiting and catching up.
- Take attendance. Who's missing?

PRAY

Lord, thank you for being our Everlasting Father. Help us to see the hope that you offer in our everyday and hope you offer us for the future. Amen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- We started out the message this week talking about the concept Everlasting. It's hard to grasp. What's something you have in your possession that you've had a long time? What is the value in holding on to things over decades or even generations?
- Isaiah prophesies about hope and points to its arrival in a small sign (the birth of a child). When have you seen a small sign of hope in a fearful moment in your life?
- What difference does knowing that God is an Everlasting Father make for you? How does this idea shape the way you live your life and faith?
- What gives you hope for the future?
- What do you find yourself waiting for as we journey closer to Christmas?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Isaiah 40:27-31(NRSV)

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary,

- and the young will fall exhausted,
- 31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.