

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 4, 2016
Advent Week 2

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Theme: Turn

Becoming aware of the end of the universe as we know it that Christ will bring about, we are invited to repent, to turn from our attachments to the powers of death and destruction in this age, and live out of the Spirit-led mission of the coming reign of God.

1. What do these scriptures mean when they speak of the “root of Jesse”?
 - a. I don’t know.
 - b. Jesse was the father of King David.
 - c. A new branch coming up from the root or stump of Jesse would be new life out of what is dead...a new king out of a line that was removed from kingship?
 - d. These are prophesies about Jesus, a new king in the line of David.

2. How, according Isaiah 11:3-4, will he judge?
 - a. Not by what he sees with his eyes.
 - b. Not by what he hears with his ears.
 - c. With righteousness.
 - d. With justice.

3. What is the characteristic of the holy mountain of the Lord, according Isaiah 11:16-9? _____

4. Is this the normal way of things on this earth? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

5. Why will this be the way of things in the new creation?
 - a. Because he makes us all act differently and live in peace against our will.
 - b. Because He has judged with righteousness those whose hearts have been changed.
 - c. Because the those who would prey on others will not be allowed in...only those who treat others in righteousness and justice.

6. What, according to Romans 15:5, is the attitude that God gives to His people (see also Philippians 2:5-11)? _____

7. How did John the Baptist come, according to Matthew 3:1-2? _____

8. What did John tell the Pharisees and Sadducees who came, according to Matthew 3:7-10?
 - a. Good job and thanks for coming!
 - b. You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
 - c. Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.
 - d. ...every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

9. What is the significance of the “winnowing fork” and the “threshing floor”? _____

10. Where will you come out in the time of judgement? _____