



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Advent: Renewal

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ronnie García, November 29, 2020

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Have you ever felt like the “magic” of Christmas raises your expectations too high? Have you ever felt a “hangover” on Christmas morning?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### BUOYANT HOPE

3. Can you name something that you have put your hope in, hoping that it will make you happy and peaceful, which resulted in unmet expectations?
4. Ronnie talked about the problem of making “alliances” with anything that is not God. What did he mean? Have you made any alliances that the Spirit is bringing to you attention?
5. Isaiah says that the child is “born unto us.” What does this mean?

### Step 3: Final Reflections

6. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
7. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?