

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*The Spirit of Christmas*

Isaiah 11:1-9

## The Messiah's qualifications (1-2)

Isa 42:1-4; 61:1-3; Lk 1:35; 2:40; Matt 12:28; Heb 4:15-16

- What is significant about the Messiah's qualifications?
- How does the explanation of the Spirit's work in the Messiah help us think about the human nature of Christ?
- How does understanding Jesus' human nature encourage us in the Christian life?  
(See also Heb 4:15-16.)

## The Messiah's rule (3-5)

Isa 32:14-17; 44:3; 59:21; Ezek 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29; Jn 3:34, 14:16-17; 16:7; 1 Cor 6:19

- How does the Messiah's rule (3-5) perfectly match the endowment of the Spirit explained in verse 2?
- The same Spirit who empowered the Messiah now indwells believers (Jn 14:16-17; 1 Cor 6:19). How does this both challenge you and encourage you?

## The Messiah's world (6-9)

Eph 4:13; Rom 8:23; 2 Cor 5:17; Jas 1:18; Rom 8:35-39; Gen 3:15; 1 Cor 15:54-58

- What is the main point of the situation described in verses 6-9?
- How does the Spirit as a seal and guarantee of this New Creation encourage us in our faith?
- How has the Spirit caused New Creation to break in upon us now? (2 Cor 5:17)
- One day, threats will no longer remain, but how have the things that threaten you been transformed even now by the work of Christ? (See Rom 8:35-39)