

LISTENING GUIDE

Isaiah 35:1-10 – A Miraculous Arrival Brings Miraculous Joy

1. Life doesn't _____ for Christmas. So, our lives may be _____ and bring _____.
2. Isaiah describes the _____ and _____.
3. At Christmas, God's Word calls me to see the greater _____ and _____ of his work.
4. God's message strengthens my _____ and _____.
5. Jesus overturned the _____ of our sin-infected world and the _____ of my sin-infected life.
6. God's miraculous _____ delivers _____ joy.
7. By God's _____, I walk on the way of holiness because Jesus has _____ me.
8. As I peer into the manger, I see...
 - 1) A _____ arrival.
 - 2) The _____ of God.

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. In this week's message, Pastor hinted at some of the many cultural distractions of our world that can take our focus away from the true joy of Jesus' birth for us. **How will you plan to guard yourself against such distractions assuming too much weight in your heart? In other words, what practical steps will you take to keep your focus on the good news of God's fulfilled promises in Christ this Christmas?**

2. This weekend's second scripture reading from James 5:7-11 encourages God's people to be patient. **Why is this patience a vital aspect of our Christian lives for continuing to know joy as we wait for Christ's return?**

3. As you reflect on the account of Jesus' birth and the heart of Christmas, what specific truths bring you the greatest joy?

