

### **STUDY 3 - Snapshot of the Messiah 3 (Isaiah 11:1-16)**

*Describe to the group the best view you've ever seen through the lens of a camera (or perhaps on the screen of a smartphone camera). What made the shot so special/memorable?*

#### **READ Isaiah 11:1-16**

1. In chapter 11, Isaiah concentrates on one particular figure. Summarize what the passage says about who he is and what he will do.

Where will he come from?	
What will he be like?	
What spirit will rest on him?	
What will he do?	

2. How is 11:1-9 different from 11:10-16? What does the second half of the chapter add to our understanding of what the 'shoot of Jesse' will accomplish?

#### **Implications**

- Imagine you were commissioned to write a press release on the arrival of the person in chapter 11. What would you say?
- Can you imagine such a situation as that depicted in verses 6-9 ever existing?
  - If not, why not?
  - If so, when?
- What do you look for in an ideal world?
- From Isaiah 11 and Mark 10:35-45, what is God's ideal world like?
- What changes will you need to make to line yourself up with God's dream? To put it another way, if you long for God's ideal world, how is it going to affect your life here and now?

#### **Give thanks and pray**

*Spend some time giving thanks to God for the kind of world that he will one day create through his great king, Jesus.*

*Pray that Jesus will return soon and that we will all be ready to meet him.*