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Isaiah 35

[1] *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;*

[2] *it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.*

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

[3] *Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.*

[4] *Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."*

[5] *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;*

[6] *then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.*

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

[7] *the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;*

in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

[8] *And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it.*

It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

[9] *No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;*

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

[10] *And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;*

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Sermon Outline:

1. You have a Holistic Healer (3-6)
 2. You have a Happy Hope (1-2; 6-7)
 3. You have a Holy Highway (8-9)
 4. You have a Heavenly Home (10)
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Life Group Leader Notes:



Hello Life Group leaders! Omicron might have infected half of Boone, but Covid has yet to quarantine the gospel. What a great sermon from Pastor John Lashell this week. I hope you were encouraged by the wonderful text from Isaiah 35, the double alliteration in the sermon outline, and the fun picture by Emily Marriott. :)



- Was this a new corner of the Bible for you? Or had you grown up singing songs like Pastor John about the march to Zion? What were your main takeaways from the sermon?
- Does the pathway to Zion feel like a desert? Was Isaiah's metaphor appropriate for the struggles that you face on the road to heaven? Are you on a particularly difficult leg of the journey? What is making it so hard right now? How did this text encourage you?
- Jesus is our Holistic Healer. He cares for our physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. Where do you see this in the gospels? Where have you seen this in your own life? Is there an area of healing that your life group can pray for? Isaiah 35 is beautifully arranged; what specific phrases will guide your prayer?
- The Holy Spirit gives us a Happy Hope. In other words, the spiritual water & nourishment that he provides will make our lives beautiful and fruitful. Where have you seen this in the past 2 years of chaos? Have you seen pockets of beauty & fruitfulness? What has made that person or community so beautiful? Has your life group been beautiful & fruitful? What would Boone be missing if your life group suddenly dissipated?
- Our Holy Highway shall be free from "fools" and "lions", but currently we struggle with both. How has your adversary tried to get you off track in your journey to Zion? What Bible verses can you turn to for comfort and protection?
- We have a Heavenly Home that will be free from sorrows. Pastor John made a great point that Jesus does not distract us from our sorrows, as we often try to distract little children. He is able to completely satisfy us. When you encounter suffering, do you try to distract yourself? How do you do this? Why do you do this? Have you ever found deep satisfaction from Jesus? Can you say that God is the source of your joy?

