

Discussion Questions for “Awake to the Light”

1. Where in your life do you feel like you are still “walking in the dark,” as Isaiah describes?

What makes that place feel dark, and what would it look like to invite God’s light into it?

2. Isaiah paints a vision of a future filled with peace and unity among nations.

How does this vision challenge the way you view the current world? Where do you see small signs of this future already breaking in?

3. Paul says, “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.”

In practical terms, what does “waking up spiritually” look like for you right now?

4. Paul uses the imagery of taking off old clothes and putting on new ones.

What “night clothes” (habits, attitudes, or patterns) do you sense the Spirit asking you to take off? What does it mean for you to “put on Christ”?

5. Jesus’ call to “stay awake” isn’t about fear or prediction but about readiness.

What practices help you stay spiritually alert rather than numb, distracted, or apathetic?

6. Billy talked about how even a small light stands out in the dark.

What small acts of kindness, truth, or love could you offer this week that might shine Christ’s light into someone else’s life?

7. Think about a time when someone else brought light into your darkness.

What did they do? How did God use them in your life?

8. Advent teaches us to wait with hope.

Do you find waiting easy or difficult? What helps you hold onto hope when you feel like you’re still standing in the dark?

9. Jesus, Isaiah, and Paul all describe life with God using the language of light.

What does “walking in the light of the Lord” mean for you in concrete, everyday terms?

10. If you were to “live as if the day has already dawned,” as the sermon challenged us, what is one step you could take this week to move toward the light?

How will you follow through?