



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**Sermon Based Questions**

Date- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

Series- Advent Prt 2

**The Highway of the Lord**

*“And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.”*  
(Isaiah 35:8a)

**1. Remind one another that God has come near. Isaiah 35:1-4**

**2. Blind eyes opened, deaf ears stopped.... Isaiah 35:5-7**

**3. A highway is opened.**

**Isaiah 35:8-10**

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Isaiah 35:1-2. Put these opening verses in your own words. What do you think Isaiah means by- “they will see the glory of God the splendor of the Lord?”
2. Read Isaiah 35:3-4. The historical situation facing the people of Judah was perilous- enemies on every front- what was it that they were take heart in? How are the people to encourage one another?
3. Read Isaiah 35:5-7. What is the significance of the word “then,” at the start of verse 5? What is the “then,” referring to? And what will happen- then, according to these verses?
4. Read Isaiah 35:8-10. How does this section relate to Isaiah 6:6-7 and Isaiah’s own experience of atonement and cleansing? What is this way of holiness do you think and why is it significant?

### **B. Meditation & application**

5. If you could summarize this chapter in your own words briefly- how would you? Do you think this is poetic or literal or a mixture and why?
6. What does this chapter reveal about the nature of God? How does this chapter find meaning in light of the coming of Christ?
7. How do verses 3-4 paint a picture of community life for the people of God? What is the role of God in encouragement within the Christian community for those overwhelmed with fear or discouragement? Who could you encourage with some aspect of the character of God this week?
8. What things does this chapter speak of in relation to Gods’ gracious activity in human history and how does this cause you to be moved toward gratitude?

Dear heavenly Father- We thank you and praise you for your glory and splendor and we thank you that you draw near to us to save us. Help us to encourage one another by reminding one another of who God is and the kind of salvation he has won for us. Fill us with courage and help us to honor your name. In Jesus Name- Amen.