



Sermon Growth Guide

December 7, 2025

Everlasting

Isaiah 60:1-3, 18-22

Key Verse: “The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.” Isaiah 9:2

Big Idea: Much of what we experience is temporary, but the light of Jesus impacts our lives in lasting ways.

Foundations

This week’s sermon offers a contrast between that which is temporary and that which is lasting. Much of what we experience in life tends to be temporary. If we depend upon it for meaning and joy, we’ll inevitably become disappointed.

In contrast, the light of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this time of year, impacts our lives in ways that are lasting. Isaiah twice refers to the light Jesus brings as “everlasting” (60:19-20). His unconditional love is unchanging. The hope He provides is unending. The power of Jesus’ light to pierce the darkest places of our lives is everlasting.

Yes, we still experience darkness today in our lives and in our world, for we’ve not yet experienced the fullness of Isaiah’s promise. But just as a jeweler places diamonds against a black backdrop to shine more brightly, Jesus’ light shines most brightly against the backdrop of darkness.

Even if there’s darkness in our lives that we wish wasn’t there, the everlasting light we experience in Jesus is more than many around us have, and we’re encouraged to shine Christ’s light for others to see.

Understanding God’s Word

Together, read Isaiah 60:1-3, 18-22.

The first two words, “Arise, shine” are both commands. What is Isaiah calling God’s people to do in response to his message?

After entering our world Jesus declared, “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12) In what ways is Jesus light for us?

Applying God’s Word

How many things can you name that are temporary? In contrast, how is what Jesus offers us lasting?

Isaiah writes of God’s light shining amidst darkness. If someone asked you today where it’s dark for you, how would you answer?

The sermon encouraged us to Look, Hope, and Shine. Which word feels most applicable for your journey through this Advent season?

Witnessing God’s Word

In what ways can you shine this week as a beacon of God’s love and hope that encourages others there’s something more than the darkness of this world?