

**WEEK 10 | THE SONG OF GLORY  
ISAIAH 60:1-22**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)**

Catch everybody up to date on what's going on with New City. You can use your bulletin as a tool to do so.

- **Super Saturdays:** On April 26 New City will be hosting a Super Saturday tutoring event at Parker School to help kids get ready for their standardized tests. The school will be providing training material, but we are providing tutors, as well as both breakfast and lunch for the kids. Please consider volunteering to tutor, or to work on providing breakfast or lunch that day (as a community group?). Details to come.
- **Flying Pig Weekend:** In lieu of our normal Sunday worship gathering, we'll meet on Saturday night May 3 at 5:30pm for worship, with a potluck dinner to follow. On Sunday morning we'll be working the Mile 10 Water Station for the Flying Pig Marathon (NOTE: you have to register with the Pig to serve; see information on The City).

**ENGAGE (10 MINUTES)**

*Starter Questions:* 1.) Does your family have any Easter traditions? (either from growing up, or now)

**REFLECTION AND STUDY (30-35 MINUTES)**

*This week we came to a close in our series in Isaiah, with chapter 60. This was a great Easter week text, as we get a chance to reflect on the kingdom of God (the new city) that God is building.*

1.) We say in the Lord's Prayer "thy kingdom come." What comes to your mind when you think of the kingdom of God? What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"?

2.) **Read Isaiah 60:1-3.** Do you agree with Isaiah that the world is in "thick darkness"? What evidence would you point to?

3.) Would you describe this passage as optimistic or pessimistic? Why? Is your attitude like Isaiah's? Why or why not?

4.) **Read Isaiah 60:4-9**. What is Isaiah envisioning? How has the fulfillment of this already begun?

5.) Discuss this statement: "God's goodness is a spreading goodness" (Richard Sibbes, 1649).

6.) What does this imply about the diversity of the kingdom of God? (see also Revelation 7:9-10) How does this inform your view of people of different cultures, races and backgrounds here and now?

7.) **Read Isaiah 60:10-16**. What do you learn about the kingdom of God from these verses?

8.) Is it difficult to believe in the power of God's kingdom? What other powers and forces seem stronger?

9.) Read Matthew 6:33 and Matthew 16:18. If you really believed this, what would change in your life?

10.) **Read Isaiah 60:17-22**. What do you learn about the kingdom of God from these verses?

11.) Read Revelation 21:22-26. What parts of this passage bear resemblance to Isaiah 60?

12.) Revelation reveals that much of Isaiah 60 is a future reality (i.e. the fullness will not come until Christ's Second Coming). How can we become a future-oriented people?

### **PRAYER (15 MINUTES)**

Break up into smaller groups of men and women. For those who are comfortable, share your applications and pray for one another.