



# GRAB GATHER GROW

## Week of December 17th

Grab this study, Gather a few people, and Grow in faith

### SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

#### Isaiah 61:1-11

The Lord God's spirit is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release for captives, and liberation for prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and a day of vindication for our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for Zion's mourners, to give them a crown in place of ashes, oil of joy in place of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of discouragement. They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, planted by the Lord to glorify himself. They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore formerly deserted places; they will renew ruined cities, places deserted in generations past. Foreigners will stay and shepherd your sheep, and strangers will be your farmers and vinedressers. You will be called The Priests of the Lord; Ministers of Our God, they will say about you. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and fatten yourself on their riches. Instead of shame, their portion will be double; instead of disgrace, they will rejoice over their share. They will possess a double portion in their land; everlasting joy will be theirs. I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and dishonesty. I will faithfully give them their wage, and make with them an enduring covenant. Their offspring will be known among the nations, and their descendants among the peoples. All who see them will recognize that they are a people blessed by the Lord. I surely rejoice in the Lord; my heart is joyful because of my God, because he has clothed me with clothes of victory, wrapped me in a robe of righteousness like a bridegroom in a priestly crown, and like a bride adorned in jewelry. As the earth puts out its growth, and as a garden grows its seeds, so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

## **DISCUSSION**

**What are you planting in your life to grow something good?**

**How are we “to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn” and show the glory of God? If you were going to make 2018 God’s year, what steps would you have to take to make this possible? What role does service play in God’s Year? Worship? Discipleship?**

## **SERVICE**

**At BUMC we are using our Change for Change Offering for Heifer Project. Our Sunday School children are leading the way with this mission project. Save your change or make a special donation to Heifer Project at church.**

**You may also visit their web site, they have a wonderful program where you can give the gift a an animal in someone else’s name. Check it out, they make great Christmas Presents for those hard to shop for people in hour life.**

**BUMC is also collecting Winter Gear for Kids and Youth. Sponsor a drive at your work or school and bring the items into Church.**

## **FAITH FIVE**

### **AT HOME THIS WEEK**

**Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless through life this week.**

**Each day, gather together and share each person’s high and low of the day.**

**Read a piece of Scripture; Talk together about the scripture and how it relates to your day; Pray about your highs and lows and where God is leading you; and at the end of the day share the following blessing:**

***“May God help you discover the true meaning of Christmas.”***

**SUNDAY: Isaiah 61:1-11(Sermon Text)**

**MONDAY: Isaiah 61:1-2**

**TUESDAY: Isaiah 61:3-4**

**WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 61:8-11**

**THURSDAY: John 1:6-8**

**FRIDAY: John 1:19-28**

**SATURDAY: Luke 1:46-55 (Sunday Morning’s Sermon Text)**