

## Talk It Over

*Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.*

### Discuss

1. What is the greatest hope in your life at this moment in time? What do you long for the most? What do you find yourself most often wishing for and dreaming of?
2. Read Isaiah 2:1-4. What does Isaiah envision for the people of Judah? What will the city of Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Temple become?
3. Isaiah 4:2-6 is also a message of hope. What does Isaiah envision in this passage? What is the significance of the cloud and the fire?
4. What is the significance of verses 2:1-4 and 4:2-6 bracketing verses 2:5-4:1? Why is the section of judgment bookended by two passages on hope?
5. In what ways are verses 2:1-4 and 4:2-6 blueprints for the Nation of Judah? What could the people of Judah do to accomplish what Isaiah envisions?
6. How do we participate in bringing about hope in our own lives? How is God involved and how are we involved in bringing about hope? What are we responsible for? What can only God do?
7. In the area of your life that you most need hope right now, what can you do to bring about change? Where do you need God to act? What can you do? What can only God do?

