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## WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find Jesus, community, and purpose.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit [southeastcc.org](http://southeastcc.org) or send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org).

## NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone: [southeastcc.org](http://southeastcc.org). You may also submit a prayer request at [southeastcc.org/prayer](http://southeastcc.org/prayer).

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## NOTES: ADVENT - HOPE

### Isaiah 59:1-8 English Standard Version (ESV)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,  
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;  
but your iniquities have made a separation  
between you and your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from you  
so that he does not hear.

For your hands are defiled with blood  
and your fingers with iniquity;  
your lips have spoken lies;  
your tongue mutters wickedness.

No one enters suit justly;  
no one goes to law honestly;  
they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,  
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

They hatch adders' eggs;  
they weave the spider's web;  
he who eats their eggs dies,  
and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.



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### **Isaiah 59:1-8 ESV Cont...**

Their webs will not serve as clothing;  
men will not cover themselves with what they make.  
Their works are works of iniquity,  
and deeds of violence are in their hands.  
Their feet run to evil,  
and they are swift to shed innocent blood;  
their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;  
desolation and destruction are in their highways.  
The way of peace they do not know,  
and there is no justice in their paths;  
they have made their roads crooked;  
no one who treads on them knows peace.

### **Isaiah 59:9-21 ESV**

Therefore justice is far from us,  
and righteousness does not overtake us;  
we hope for light, and behold, darkness,  
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.  
We grope for the wall like the blind;  
we grope like those who have no eyes;  
we stumble at noon as in the twilight,  
among those in full vigor we are like dead men.  
We all growl like bears;  
we moan and moan like doves;  
we hope for justice, but there is none;  
for salvation, but it is far from us.  
For our transgressions are multiplied before you,  
and our sins testify against us;  
for our transgressions are with us,  
and we know our iniquities:  
transgressing, and denying the Lord,  
and turning back from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,  
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.  
Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far away;  
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,  
and uprightness cannot enter.  
Truth is lacking,  
and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.  
The Lord saw it, and it displeased him  
that there was no justice.  
He saw that there was no man,  
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;  
then his own arm brought him salvation,  
and his righteousness upheld him.  
He put on righteousness as a breastplate,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;



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### **Isaiah 59:9-21 ESV Cont...**

he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.  
According to their deeds, so will he repay,  
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;  
to the coastlands he will render repayment.  
So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west,  
and his glory from the rising of the sun;  
for he will come like a rushing stream,  
which the wind of the Lord drives.  
“And a Redeemer will come to Zion,  
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord.

“And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the Lord, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

### **Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### **John 1:1-13 ESV**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



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**Implications:**

1. The brightest light shines in the darkest places.
2. Jesus is the light of the world.
3. The promises of God are secure; we need only to watch God work.
4. Regardless of our circumstances, the Christmas story invites us to believe that because God became man and dwelt among us, we can have hope.



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