

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 30:1-33

Memory Passage: Isaiah 30:18

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 30:1-7.** Explain the contemporary situation described in vs. 1-2 (cf. 36:6).
- (b) Whose “officials” are in view in v. 4, and what are they doing?
- (c) What does God promise to do to His children as they seek “refuge” and “shelter” in the “shadow” of Egypt (vs. 3-5)?
- (d) Summarize the “oracle” concerning Egypt (vs. 6-7).

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 30:8-17.** What is Isaiah to do (v. 8), and why is he to do it (vs. 9-12, cf. “for” and “because” in vs. 9, 12)?
- (b) How will the “Holy One of Israel” (v. 12) respond (vs. 13-14)?
- (c) What should Yahweh’s children have done (v. 15), and what did they do instead (v. 16)?
- (d) Compare and contrast the setting and meaning of the way the phrase in v. 17a is used here, in Lev. 26:8, and Deut. 32:30.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 30:18-26.** Explain what “wait” means for both Yahweh and His people and how they are connected (v. 18).
- (b) Explain how vs. 19-26 connect to v. 18 (“For . . . And . . . And . . . Then . . . And . . . and . . . And . . . Moreover”).
- (c) Explain the content of each of the promises (vs. 19-26), who accomplishes each, and what God’s children need to do.
- (d) When do these promises come to pass?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 30:27-33.** Explain in detail how God reverses Isaiah 8:7-8 in 30:27-33.

(b) What will Jerusalem do while Yahweh works against Assyria, and can these two events happen simultaneously?

(c) Divide chapter 30 into its main subdivisions, give a sentence description of each one, and write a one-sentence description of the entire chapter.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 30:1-33.** In what things/people/circumstances do you “take refuge . . . seek shelter in (their) shadow” (v. 2)? How do the following truths & promises equip you to repent from this: Ps. 17:6-9; 36:5-10; 57:1-3; 63:5-8; 91:1-16?

(b) In what ways is today’s evangelical church guilty of the indictments found in vs. 9-12? In what ways are you guilty?

(c) Explain how you gain strength by being quiet (v. 15)? Think of a situation you encountered in the last few weeks in which the outcome would have been different had you applied this principle. How will you endeavor to apply it this week?

(d) Write down at least five benefits you will receive when you “wait for God” (v. 18). In what areas of your life do you struggle to wait on God’s providential timing and provision? How might these benefits help you be more faithful to wait on God?

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