

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 25, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 27:2-13

Memory Passage: Isaiah 27:2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 27:2-13.** Compare and contrast the song of the vineyard found in 5:1-7 with this song of the vineyard in 27:2-6.

(b) What does “punish” refer to in v. 3 (cf. the other 5x “punish” occurs in Isaiah: 10:12; 13:11; 24:21; 26:21; 27:1), and how does Yahweh’s promise to “every moment I water it” prohibit (“lest”) this?

(c) How can Yahweh say he has “no wrath” against his people when Isaiah is full of pictures of God’s wrath against them?

(d) How would “thorns and briars” “make peace” with Yahweh?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 27:2-13.** Explain in full v. 6, including answering questions such as: (1) In what days to come will this happen? (2) Do “Jacob” and “Israel” refer to the same or different people? (3) With what “fruit” do they “fill the whole world?”

(b) In what ways do Yahweh’s provision, care, and protection of His people (vs. 2-3) bring you encouragement and peace? How do these truths better equip you to persevere in your faith, especially in times of suffering and persecution?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 27:2-13.** Rewrite v. 7, replacing every pronoun with its referent (i.e., the noun to which the pronoun refers).

(b) Verse 9 is difficult in the original Hebrew, but look at several translations and rewrite the verse to reflect its meaning.

(c) To what does “by this” refer (v. 9), and how does it “atone for” Israel’s guilt?

(d) In one word, describe what evidence will be visible as the fruit of the removal of Jacob’s sin (v. 9c-e).

(e) Explain the meaning of vs. 10-11 and how they connect with vs. 7-9.

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

- (a) **Read Is. 27:2-13.** Who are the “people of Israel” who will “come and worship Yahweh” in verses 11 & 12 (remember that these verses conclude chapters 24-27)?
- (b) Explain the geographical reference in v. 12.
- (c) What does the phrase “one by one” tell you about the thoroughness of Yahweh’s gleaning?
- (d) To what type of event is a blowing trumpet often connected (cf. Ex. 19:16, 19; 20:18; Joel 2:1, 15; Zeph. 1:16; Zech 9:14; Matt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16)?
- (e) To what time do the two occurrences of “in that day” (vs. 12-13) refer?

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

- (a) **Read Is. 27:2-13.** Consider that Yahweh’s striking of His own people (vs. 7-8) was demonstrably different from the way He struck and dealt with the nations He used to chastise His people (vs. 7, 10-11) and that His intention in punishing His own people was to bring them to repentance and salvation bearing the fruit of righteousness (v. 9). How does God deal with New Covenant believers in Christ in the same way (cf. Heb. 12:4ff)? How have you responded to this discipline, and what “peaceful fruit of righteousness” have you seen Christ display in you? How might you better respond to future discipline?
- (b) What do you learn about God in chapter 27? Which one of the things you learned requires deeper thought and meditation on your part to better understand God in this characteristic? How will you accomplish this during the next week?
- (c) How will you incorporate the characteristics you learned about God this week (question b above) into your prayer life?
- (d) In what ways does Isaiah 27 point toward Christ?

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