

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 29, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 31:1-32:20

Memory Passage: Isaiah 31:6-7

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 31:1-9.** What similarities do you see between chapters 30 and 31? Consider words, phrases, ideas, etc.

(b) Why does Judah think horses and chariots will help them (v. 1)? What is the reality (v. 3)? What would have been wise for Judah to do (v. 2c)?

(c) Identify the “evildoers,” “the helpers,” and “those who work iniquity,” how will God respond to them, and on what basis (all answers found in v. 2)?

(d) Explain what verses 4-5 teach you about the character and power of God, and the surety and results of His actions.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 31:1-9.** What is Judah commanded to do (v. 6), and what will be the fruit of their repentance (v. 7)?

(b) What will happen to the Assyrians, and how will it happen (vs. 8-9; cf. 37:36-38)? To whom does “his rock” refer?

(c) For what purpose are Yahweh’s “fire” and “furnace” mentioned (v. 9)?

(d) List the differences portrayed in these verses between God’s wisdom and man’s and between weapons of the flesh and weapons of the Spirit. In what ways do these differences encourage and equip you to walk by faith and not by sight?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 32:1-8.** Do these verses refer to the rule of an earthly king or the Messianic King? Support your answer.

(b) Compare and contrast the ways of the “princes (who) rule in justice” (vs. 1a-2), those transformed (vs. 3-4), and “the noble” (v. 8) with “the fool” (vs. 5a, 6) and “the scoundrel” (vs. 5b, 7).

(c) Who are the princes (who) rule in justice, the noble, the transformed, the fools, and the scoundrels in the 21st-century American church?

(d) In what ways does your life resemble the actions of the fools and scoundrels? After you repent, what specific changes will you make for your life to bear the fruit of a prince who rules in justice, one transformed, and the noble?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 32:9-20.** Though the promise of the coming Messiah (vs. 1-8) is true, Judah's current situation demands attention. Explain in detail what is said about the current rebellions (vs. 9-10), the repentance required (vs. 11-13), the future if no repentance occurs (v. 14), and the promised salvation after repentance (vs. 15-20).

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 31:1-32:20.** What have you learned this week about man's wisdom versus God's wisdom in this woe? How do these realities equip you to make wise decisions daily?

(b) What have you learned this week about the strength of human armies versus God's strength? In what ways do these realities strengthen your ability to live fearlessly according to God's commands?

(c) What have you learned this week about the difference between the flesh and the Spirit? How do these truths compel you toward joyful obedience in your daily walk with Christ?

(d) What have you learned this week about the relationship between repentance and blessing? How does this relationship inspire you toward walking in humility before God and with men and women?

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