

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 27, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 3:16-4:1

Memory Passage: Isaiah 3:16-17

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Isaiah 3:16-4:1.** As you read through the passage today, take note of shifts in thought or genre, active verbs, repeated words and phrases, commands (or lack thereof), metaphorical language, and the overall structure of these verses.
- (b) How does 3:16-4:1 connect with what precedes?
- (c) Does this passage speak about literal women in Jerusalem, or are women used metaphorically, or both (cf. vs. 25-26 and explain your answer)?
- (d) Make an outline of these verses which reflects the structure you see.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 3:16-4:1.** How does Isaiah describe the haughtiness of Jerusalem's women, and what does each of the four descriptions mean (v. 16)?
- (b) Explain what God will do to the women in broad terms (v. 17).
- (c) Explain what God will do to the women in specific terms (vs. 18-23). What will taking these things away accomplish?
- (d) Why does Isaiah move from poetry to prose for vs. 18-23 and back to poetry at v. 24?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 3:16-4:1.** What will God remove and then replace for the women ("instead" occurs 5x in this verse)?
- (b) What do the things God gives in v. 24 represent?
- (c) Verse 25 shifts seamlessly to the city itself. Explain what will happen to Jerusalem because of its haughtiness?
- (d) What has happened that results in such a poor ratio of women to men? Explain what the women will be forced to do and why they need to do it.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 3:16-4:1.** These verses complete the description begun in 2:6 of Judah and Jerusalem's haughtiness and God's promised judgment. They depict the haughtiness of the women as well as using the description of the women as a metaphor for the city itself. Today and tomorrow, we will think through applications for women, husbands, and America.
- (b) **Read 1 Tim. 2:9-10, Titus 2:3-5, & 1 Pet. 3:1-6.** What do these passages say about how godly women act and dress?
- (c) If you are a woman, in what ways do you resemble the picture of a godly woman? In what ways do you not? In what ways might you "sort of" resemble a godly woman but have room for improvement? What changes should you make considering your answers?
- (d) If you are a married man, consider the questions in (c) with your wife, the woman you are to lead and love as Christ loves the church, and your daughters in mind. How should you respond, considering your answers?
- (e) Now apply these passages to the women in your life with whom you have relationships. How might you help them see the Scriptures clearly and make applications to their own life? How might you speak the truth in love to the women you disciple?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 3:16-4:1.** While recognizing the truth that America is not Jerusalem, we must still consider how God will respond to any nation whose women resemble the women of Jerusalem he will judge (as we will see in future chapters of Isaiah) and its effect on their nation. In what ways do America's women resemble the haughty women of Jerusalem, what consequences has this had upon the nation, what responsibility do men bear, and how does this affect future generations?

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Like Daughter, Like Mother

In Isaiah 3:16-4:1, we find a 4-fold description of Yahweh's response to the haughtiness of the women of Zion, who are representative of the entire city of Jerusalem.

- I. Yahweh charges the daughters of Zion (3:16).
- II. Yahweh pronounces His punishment (3:17).
- III. Yahweh reveals the means of His punishment.
 - A. He will take away their haughtiness (3:18-23).
 - B. He will replace it with mourning and captivity (3:24).
- IV. Yahweh describes the results of His punishment on Jerusalem (3:25-4:1).