

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 21, 2024

Passage: Isaiah 1–66

Memory Passage: Isaiah 33:22

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 1:1–2:5.** Identify the units of thought in 1:1–2:5 and describe in one sentence what each unit teaches.
- (b) In case you need some help finding the units of thought, consider these: 1:1; 1:2–4; 1:5–9; 1:10–20 (or subdivided as 1:10–15 and 1:16–20); 1:21–31; 2:1–5.
- (c) What themes are introduced in this section that are developed throughout Isaiah?
- (d) Explain how this introduction to Isaiah can function as a microcosm of the entire book.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 7:1–9; 12:1–6; 26:1–4; 30:8–17; 31:1–2; 36:1–37:38; 42:17; 50:10–11.** Though there are many themes, each expounded in various ways throughout Isaiah's vision, we will only remind ourselves of a view during this review. We will also not examine every passage developing these themes.
- (b) Write down what you learn in Isaiah about hope that leads to destruction and hope that leads to salvation.
- (c) In the first sermon I preached from Isaiah, one of the questions I said we would answer from the book was: In whom will you trust? In what ways do you (or are you tempted to) place your trust in leaders, idols, government, wealth, personal strength and ability, security, or anything else? How does the book of Isaiah instruct and equip you to only trust in our triune God?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 6:1–13 (with John 12:36b–41); 9:2–7; 11:1–10; 42:1–9; 49:1–13; 50:4–9; 52:13–53:12; 61:1–3.** What does Isaiah teach us about his Davidic King, Suffering Servant, and Warrior King, and how does this person propel Isaiah's vision throughout the book?
- (b) Another question I asked in the first sermon in this series was: Where is your hope? How does this full picture of Christ fuel your life of love and obedience to him and overcome all fear and doubt?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 1:10–20; 2:6–22; 19:21–25; 27:12–13; 44:9–20; 58:1–14; 66:23–24** Yet another question from the first sermon I said we would answer as we studied Isaiah was: Whom will you worship? Write down what you learn from these verses concerning Yahweh's desire to be worshiped, who will worship him, how he wants and not want to be worshiped, what purpose worship serves, etc.

- (b) How does Isaiah help you become a more passionate worshiper of our God, one who worships in Spirit and in truth as the father seeks (John 4:23–24)? How does Isaiah encourage you to include evangelism in your day-to-day life of worship?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 33:21–22.** I also presented this question as one we would answer from Isaiah: How will you live? Consider this excellent summary of the entire book of Isaiah (from the ESV Study Bible’s introduction to the book) and write down at least five ways you are encouraged and equipped to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- (b) The central theme of the book is God himself, who does all things for his own sake (48:11). Isaiah defines everything else by its relation to God, whether it is rightly adjusted to him as the gloriously central figure in all of reality (45:22–25). God is the Holy One of Israel (1:4) the One who is high and lifted up but who also dwells down among the “contrite and lowly” (57:15), the Sovereign over the whole world (13:1–27:13) whose wrath is fierce (9:12, 17, 21; 10:4) but whose cleansing touch atones for sin (6:7), whose salvation flows in endless supply (12:3), whose gospel is “good news of happiness” (52:7), who is moving history toward the blessing of his people (43:3–7) and the exclusive worship due him (2:2–4). He is the only Savior (43:10–13), and the whole world will know it (49:26). To rest in the promises of this God is his people’s only strength (30:15); to delight themselves in his word is their refreshing feast (55:1–2); to serve his cause is their worthy devotion (ch. 62); but to rebel against him is endless death (66:24) (ESV Study Bible, p. 1234).

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Isaiah’s Finished, What Now?