

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 17, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 10:20-34

Memory Passage: Isaiah 10:20-21

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:20-34.** To what day does “in that day” refer (v. 20)? To whom does “him who struck them” refer (v. 20)?

(b) How does the remnant’s response differ from King Ahaz’s response?

(c) What does it mean to lean on Yahweh “in truth,” and how is this related to Yahweh being “the Holy One of Israel?”

(d) Reread Isaiah 1-10, taking note of all the references to the idea of a remnant (whether or not the word “remnant” is used).

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:20-34.** What does v. 22 tell you about the difference between ethnic and spiritual Israel?

(b) How can “destruction” be “overflowing with righteousness?” What does this teach you about God’s character?

(c) What is “decreed” (vs. 22-23), when will it happen, and where will it happen (the Hebrew word translated “earth” can also be translated as “land”)?

(d) Based on the truths found in vs. 20-23 (notice v. 24 begins with “therefore”), what does the Lord God of hosts command (v. 24) and promise (vs. 25-27)? Include an explanation of the Midian and Egypt references (cf. Ex. 14:26-31; Judges 7:19-25)

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:20-34.** Paul quotes both Isaiah 10:22-23 and 1:9 in Romans 9:27-29. **Read Romans 9:1-33**, explain Paul’s argument in this chapter, and explain what purpose these two Isaiah quotes serve in his argument.

(b) **Read Romans 10:1-11:36.** Explain the rest of Paul’s argument. Take special note of the many verses that begin with conjunctions (i.e. for, and, but, or, because, etc.) as you follow Paul’s argument.

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

(a) **Read Is. 10:20-34.** It is impossible to know which Assyrian invasion is recounted in vs. 28-32, but since Assyria lies to the north, the towns listed are meant to show the mighty Assyrian army progressing from the north toward Jerusalem (find a map of these towns and their actual or possible locations on p 1261 of your ESV Study Bible). In what way will God act that justifies His remnant not being afraid of the Assyrians (v. 24)?

(b) Explain the correlation between the remnant and God's sovereign purpose of election you studied yesterday.

(c) **Read Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43.** How does this parable help us understand the idea of a remnant from a NT perspective?

(d) What do you learn about God's character from 10:20-34, and how do these characteristics help motivate you to love and obey God?

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

(a) **Read Is. 10:20-34.** Even if not named, the idea of a remnant is constant throughout Scripture (think of Noah and the flood, Abraham after the Tower of Babel, Elijah having a pity party in the cave, David vs. Goliath, and many more). How does the idea of God promising a remnant encourage you in your walk of faith in today's world, especially as evil marches on with great strength and power as it shakes its fist at Christ and His people?

(b) On what basis does God always provide for and promise a remnant?

(c) What are the most encouraging things you learned this week? What are the most practical things you learned, and how will you apply them?

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A Remnant Will Return