

God's Worship

Isaiah 38:1-22

God's Deliverance, Part 3

Isaiah 37:21-38

God's Deliverance, Part 2

Isaiah 37: 1-20

God's Deliverance, Part 1

Isaiah 36

God's Holiness

Isaiah 6:1-7

Insights in Isaiah in Unusual Times

Isaiah 25

Nature of God

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Isaiah 55

A Glimpse of Hope: The Reality of the Miraculous

Isaiah 7:14 & Luke 1:26-28

Child of Light

Isaiah 9:1-7

The Death of Death: Rejection

Isaiah 52:13-53:6 ESV

Community Group Questions

1. In verses 52:13-15, the Servant is unique and special for at least three reasons. Can you identify them? (hint: there is one in each verse)
2. What kinds of people does the world exalt, and why? Who does the Lord God exalt, and why? How does the world's understanding of greatness compare to the Bible's?
3. What about the Servant makes men want to "hide their faces" from him and despise him? What do people think God thinks about this servant?
4. What are "transgressions" and "iniquities?" In this text, to whom do they belong? Are they the Servant's? If they were his, what would they indicate about the Servant? If they aren't his, why then does he bear the

punishment for them?

5. What does “substitution” mean, and who is substituted for whom in this text? What is accomplished by this substitution, or in other words, who benefits and how? Who has peace with whom and why?
6. Do people understand what is happening? Do they care? Does it change the reality of what happened?
7. If we “like sheep have gone astray,” how will we ever be brought back to God? How will we ever have this peace with God, accomplished by the Servant, if we have all turned to our own ways?

Family Worship Questions

1. Read Isaiah 53:4-53:6 & Discuss: (For younger kids it may be helpful to read a translation like the Good News Translation or a paraphrase like The Message along with your normal Bible, both can be found at biblegateway.com):
 - When you read this passage what are the reasons he is bearing, carrying, stricken, smitten, pierced, crushed? Note: Look for the “our” statements. What are our griefs, sorrows, transgressions, and iniquities?
 - Do you think this is fair? If not, why? Have you ever been punished for something you didn’t do? How did that make you feel?
 - He takes our wrongs, but what do we get from him doing that? Look at verse 5. How should that change how we live and relate to others?
 2. Sing: *This Is Amazing Grace*.
 3. Pray.
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The Death of Death: Hope

Isaiah 35:1-10 ESV

Community Group Questions

1. What is the context of Isaiah 35? If you didn't know anything about the social/national/political/religious situation at this time, what could you infer from this chapter, and say, the one before it?
2. Chapter 35 was written a long, long time ago. To a different people, no less, far removed from Bellingham, Washington. Why is this chapter significant to us today?
3. What kinds of imagery does Isaiah use, and why? For example, what is communicated by a blossoming desert?
4. What does chapter 35 tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?
5. Isaiah is describing a new creation, a reversal of the curse of Eden. Who accomplishes this new creation, and how?
6. If all you had was chapter 35, could you use it to explain the gospel of Jesus Christ to someone? What would you say?

Family Worship Questions

1. Read Isaiah 35:1-10 & Discuss:
 - Have you ever been to a real desert? What did it feel like? Did you like it? Were you really thirsty? How is a life apart from God like that desert?
 - Isaiah describes places on the earth, and people on the earth, that are completely changed. How are they changed? Who changes them and why? How can we be changed?
 - What kind of a road does Isaiah describe? What are the people like who are on this road? Where does this road lead?

2. Sing: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.*
3. Pray.