

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 11

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus Christ is the prophesied King of Kings from the lineage of David who presently rules with all wisdom, understanding, and might who will one day return to fully consummate his kingdom by destroying all wickedness and establishing eternal peace.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What do the stump and the shoot/branch of verse 1 symbolize (Isaiah 6:13)? From what family line will the messiah come? Why is this significant (2 Samuel 7; Matthew 1:1)?
- What characteristics set Jesus and his kingdom apart from the rest of the world nations and rulers – past, present, and future (verses 2-3a; Revelation 1:4-5)?
- Do you believe and trust that Jesus has all wisdom, understanding, and might to not only rule over the universe but to lovingly care and guide you?
- Why can only Jesus Christ execute true justice (verses 3a-5)? What are some ways human leaders (wittingly or unwittingly) judge unrighteously?
- In verse 5, what does Christ's belt of righteousness and faithfulness symbolize?
- Does the anticipation of the future coming of Christ and his perfect rule breath hope into your soul when you feel overwhelmed by the evils of this world?
- What characteristic of Christ's kingdom is illustrated in verses 6-8 and then explained in verses 9-10?
- When will this peaceful, Messianic Reign take place?
- Where is God leading his people in the "second exodus" described in verses 11-16? Do you trust that God will do all he must, including removing all obstacles to fulfill His promises to His beloved people?
- Explain what it means that the Kingdom of God is both *already* and *not yet*? How do we live faithfully in this tension?