

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 13-14:27

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God is sovereign over the nations of the world, and He controls history to accomplish his holy, wise, and good purposes.

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

- Why can the oracles that God gave to Isaiah be considered both good news and bad news (13:1-22, 14:1-2)?
- What is the immediate and ultimate context of "the day of the Lord" (3:6, 9; 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 19:1-2)?
- Explain how pride keeps us under the wrath of God?
- Do you believe that God controls history and nations and that, ultimately, He will accomplish his holy purposes? Why should this comfort us?
- What was Babylon's chief sin, how will God judge them (3:21-22), and what will be the result of their defeat (14:1-3)?
- Despite their lack of faith, why did Israel's divine purpose remain unchanged? What does this teach us about how God relates to his people (Romans 8:38-39)?
- Who is the tyrant that Israel taunts in 14:3-21)? What does he personify, and how will God judge him? Why is he referred to as "Day Star"?
- What was God's purpose in bringing about the destruction of Babylon and Assyria?
- What can we learn from these oracles, and should they impact our faith in Jesus Christ?