

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1-20

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God sent his prophet Isaiah to call Israel to repent of sin and receive forgiveness and hope by trusting in Christ's salvific work.

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

- Where does Isaiah fit within the timeline of Redemptive History? What were the two kingdoms in Israel during Isaiah's ministry (verse 1)? Who was the dominating military power during the time of Isaiah?
- What does the name Isaiah mean, and what does it reveal about him? What was the primary role of a prophet during Old Testament days? What is meant by the word "vision" (verse 1)?
- What do we know about Uzziah the King of Judah (2 King's 15:1-7; 2 Chronicles 26:1-15)?
- What indictment did God bring against Israel? What does it mean to forsake and despise the Lord? How often have we experienced God's Fatherly love and faithfulness and yet have rebelled against him?
- What two images does Isaiah use to demonstrate the severity of their wickedness (verses 4-9)? Do you tend to minimize your sin? How do you respond when God graciously disciplines you for your sin (Hebrews 12:5-6)?
- How did God demonstrate compassion and grace despite Israel's rebellion (verse 9)? Discuss how God today sustains his church by his grace.
- Why was God offended by Israel's acts of worship (verses 10-12)? What is the motivation behind your acts of worship?
- What invitation does God give to Israel (verses 16-17)? What is repentance, and how is it an integral part of worship?
- What is the good news (gospel) for all rebellious sinners (Isaiah 53:5-6; 1 John 1:9)?