

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 5

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In Isaiah 5, we see God's grace mingled with his judgment revealed through the work of God, the woes of God, and the whistle of God.

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

- What is the parable that opens chapter 5? What does the parable reveal about the nature of God and how he relates with his people (Ephesians 1; 2:8-10)? How did Israel and Judah respond to God's grace? What have we done with the outpouring of grace in our lives (2 Corinthians 6)?
- Discuss the six woes that simultaneously express God's lament over Israel's sin and warn of his righteous judgment (verses 8-25):

God laments over his covetous people (verses 8-10)

How does greed disempower grace? Have you coveted something, and you find that it is not satisfying as you had hoped?

God laments over his self-indulgent people (verses 11-17)

How had self-indulgence blinded Israel? What was the consequence of their unrepentant sin?

God laments over his unbelieving people (verses 18-19)

What does it mean that Israel was pulling their sin (verses 18-19)?

God laments over his deceived people (verse 20)

What happens when we deny the objective truth and authoritative nature of God's word in favor of societal or culturally derived "truth"? Explain how remembering that our salvation is solely a gift of grace impacts how we live.

God laments over his prideful people (verse 21)

Do you humbly seek wisdom from God, or do you attempt to control your life (Proverbs 1:7)?

God laments over his unjust people (verses 22-25)

Explain how oppressing others results from a lifestyle built on the sins mentioned in verses 8-21.

- In His fiery indignation (verses 22-25), what form of judgment will God bring upon Israel (verses 26-30). Discuss how this reveals God's sovereignty over the nations?
- How are we saved from sin and God's just judgment? Are you resting in the gospel of Jesus Christ and walking in the grace of God?