

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 7-8:10

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Rather than be controlled by fear or rely on self-sufficiency, we should trust in our all-wise, almighty, and faithful God.

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

- What military threat is Judah facing, and who does King Ahaz turn to for protection (2 Kings 15:32-16:19)? Have you ever made a foolish decision that you later regretted because it was based on fear? Explain why we can always trust God and rely on his word.
- What does God tell King Ahaz through his prophet Isaiah? Is Ahaz's refusal to "test the Lord" an act of humility or defiance?
- How does God offer grace to fear-filled King Ahaz? (7:10)? What sign did God give Ahaz to certify his plans and purposes (7:14-17)? What's significant about the name "Immanuel," and how is this prophecy ultimately fulfilled?
- Ironically, who will God use to judge Judah's downfall (7:20)? What imagery does Isaiah use to describe his judgment (7:18-24)? Explain how God sometimes gives us what we ask for to reveal our foolishness.
- Why does God tell Isaiah to write his prophecy on a tablet in the presence of witnesses (8:1-2)? Why will God judge Judah, and what sign does God give to certify his prophetic judgment (8:3-10)?
- How does verse 10 ends with a word of hope? Discuss how the ultimate "Immanuel" – Jesus Christ – has rescued us and is ever with us through all of life's circumstances.