

# Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
**ISAIAH**

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 9:8-10:4

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God's righteous wrath rests on all helpless, unrepentant sinners who will one day experience the just penalty for their sins, but Christ is the wrath-absorbing Savior and Lord for all who trust in his atoning sacrificial death on the cross.

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

- What phrase is repeated four times and reveals the theme of this passage (9:12, 17, 21; 10:4)? According to verses 9:8-12, what was Israel's attitude that aroused God's righteous judgment? Are you harboring prideful self-sufficiency in your heart, or are you resting in God's grace?
- Describe how God's anger linked to His holiness, goodness, justice, and love? Do you see your sin for what it is – detestable to God?
- In 9:13-17, what particular group of people within Israel did the Lord "cut off" in his anger and why?
- Explain why God's anger is kindled toward the young men, the fatherless, and widows – a population on whom He, in other passages of Scripture, professes his compassion (verse 17)
- What is the difference between God's active and passive wrath (Romans 1:18, 24-28)?
- What do verses 18-21 reveal about the nature of wickedness (sin)?
- What happens when sin remains uncontested, and the people of God don't lovingly call one another to repentance (verse 21; Galatians 5:15)?
- What is the difference between God's punishment toward the unrepentant sinner and his discipline toward his children (Hebrews 12:5-11)? How did Jesus atone for our sin and avert God's righteous wrath from justly falling on us?