

## **10.14.18 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations - Christian Lindbeck**

### Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a few questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

### **Goal: What is a prophet and prophecy? What does it look like for us to be prophetic in our relationships?**

**Hook** - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- When you hear the word prophecy, what do you think of? (truth telling, not fortune telling)
- Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt strongly that you needed to warn someone about a poor choice they were making? How did you decide if your feelings were from God or from your own annoyance / judgement?

### Background / Reading

**Read: Ezekiel 33:1-9 is about the responsibility of a prophet.**

- Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we'll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

**Book** - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- What is the watchman's responsibility in your own words?
- What is Israel's responsibility?
- Whose "fault" is it if Israel doesn't listen and experiences the consequences?
- What images comes to mind when you hear about the prophet blowing the trumpet to warn the people? (v. 3)

**Look** - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- Why do you think God uses people to warn other people when he could just do it himself?
- Do you believe that we have the "prophetic" responsibility to speak hard truths to others? Do you think this passage applies to us, and not just to Old Testament prophets?
- Why does God hold the watchman accountable when he or she does not deliver God's message?
- This passage is about prophetically delivering bad news, but can we also prophetically deliver good news? Like what kind of good news? (Answer: JESUS)

**Took** - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- Isaiah and the other prophets said some pretty uncomfortable things! Does this passage encourage you to speak the truth when it's hard? Or does it scare you to have a conversation like that?

- Have you ever given someone a warning and they didn't listen? How did you respond to that? Did you feel guilty? Like you had done your part?
- Who has God put as a watchman in your life? Thank them!!!
- Who are you a watchman for? Is there anything God has put on your heart to share with them that you haven't yet? Can we pray for you right now?