

11.11.18 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations - Tim

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: The First Woe: Greed / Love of Money

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?
- Share about a time with someone was generous with you. How did you feel?

Background / Reading

Read: Isaiah 5:8-10

- 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.

- Explain what it means to "add house to house and join field to field" in your own words.
- What is the judgement that God will bring on Israel for their greed? (hint: verses 9-10 and 13-15)
- Read the New Living Translation's version of verse 10 to get a clear idea of the scale of the loss that Israel will receive as consequences. Compare the resources the people started with versus the harvest they ended up with. What is your response to that? (Ex: That's a HUGE loss!!!!)

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

- God is prepared to punish Israel harshly for how they're hoarding their resources. Why do you think this issue is so important to God? How does He hope Israel will change?
- Instead of being greedy, what kind of character does God want us to have?
- Read Proverbs 11:24 and Luke 6:38. What is God's response to generosity? Do you believe he'll do the same for you?

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

- In the sermon we were asked the question, "What's your storehouse?" How would you answer that question? What do you sense God is calling you to do about that?
- Read Proverbs 11:24 and Luke 6:38 again. Do these verses about generosity apply to other resources we have besides money?
- What are some ways you feel like God is asking you to be more generous?