

3.3.19 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations - Tim

Exile in Babylon with a Vision of the Future

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.

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?
- Have you ever experienced a season of exile--separation from and longing for your own people or your own place? What was that like?

Watch: [Bible Project Isaiah Part 2](#)

- Review time: Why did God plan / allow the exile of Israel? (their oppression of the poor, idolatry, etc.)
- Why did the exiled people continue to worship the defeated God instead of the god of the "winning" army?
- If you were in exile in Babylon, do you think you would have stayed faithful to God?
- Do you trust that God is wise enough, willing, and able to help you in your situation?
- Read **Isaiah 43:1-3**. How can this promise speak to you as you face challenges?

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Take some time to talk about this as a group.

- What is the purpose of Lent? Why do people fast during this time?
- How is Lent like our own mini season of exile?
- Have you ever participated in Lent? How was that experience meaningful for you?
- Are you thinking of participating this year?