

#### **4.28.19 - Isaiah: Light to the Nations – Tim**

This week is a little different. You have two options. One would be to take a large amount of time to pray for one another in your group. The other would be to do a more in-depth review of Isaiah. Its up to you!

#### **OPTION ONE**

Have a short discussion on this passage in Colossians and then let it guide you in praying for one another.

Read: Colossians 3:15-17

- What happens when the peace of Christ rules in our hearts? What does that mean?
- How does the message of Christ dwell among us in v. 16?
- What does this passage teach us about the community of Jesus?
- Give space for each person to share (if they want) and then pray for each other: What has God been doing in your life lately?
- Pray and thank God for the work he's doing in your group members.

#### **OPTION TWO**

Reflect back on the time you've spent in Isaiah together.

Icebreaker

- What's a time you were in a stuck situation while traveling and needed someone to rescue you.

Isaiah 1 – 6

- This section was about two visions God showed his people. He showed them who he intended to make them into (i.e. 2:1 - 5) and who they actually were (i.e. 5:1 - 30). At root were issues of idolatry and injustice.
  - What was challenging about this section of Isaiah for you?
  - What felt like good news for you from this section of Isaiah?

Isaiah 7 – 39

- This section was about two kings, Ahaz the failure and Hezekiah the flawed. It was also the section where the Promised King was introduced (chapters 9 and 11). Finally, at the end of this section God judges his people by giving them what they wanted.
  - What do you remember sticking out to you when we talked about Ahaz and Hezekiah?
  - What do you remember sticking out to you when we talked about the Promised King in these chapters?
  - Where has been a time in your life when God gave you what you wanted as a form of judgment to wake you up?

Isaiah 40 – 55

- This section was about two rescuers. Cyrus rescued the people physically. The Servant rescued the people spiritually, made them right with God. This came to a pinnacle in chapters 52 – 53.
  - What new understanding do you have of Jesus from our time looking at Isaiah's Suffering Servant?
- In chapter 54, the text shifts to focus on how people are called to respond in light of the Servant's suffering.
  - Read Isaiah 54:1 – 5
  - What are all the instructions given in this passage? (i.e. sing, shout for joy, etc)
  - Why are these the proper responses to the Servant?
- Looking back on the whole of Isaiah up to this point:
  - What has God revealed to you about ways you resist God?
  - What has God revealed to you about who he is and what he has done for you?
  - How has God invited you to respond to him?

Pray