

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**Passage: Isaiah 57:13–21**

Memory Passage: Isaiah 57:14–15

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 57:14–21.** Write a paragraph summarizing what you learned last week from your study of Isa 56:9–57:13.
- (b) Write a paragraph describing how you applied what you learned, including what fruit was produced, what sin you crucified, and what blessings you received.
- (c) How does Isa 57:14–21 connect with and continue the thought of 56:9–57:13?
- (d) Explain what v. 13c, d contrasts (it begins with “But”) and what it promises to those who take refuge in Yahweh. Are these promises physical or spiritual? On what evidence do you base your answer?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 57:14–21.** How does v. 14 facilitate the promise of v. 13c, d? What does this remind you of (also 62:10)?
- (b) Explain what you learn about God in v. 15a–c?
- (c) The ESV’s “contrite” (v. 15d, f) most often means “crushed” (19x in OT, only translated “contrite” here in the ESV, one other time “humbled,” the rest “crushed,” as in 53:10 of our Savior). Explain what it is to have a “crushed and lowly spirit.”
- (d) Though God is transcendent, dwelling in the high and holy place, he also dwells with those with a crushed and lowly spirit for a specific purpose (v. 15f). What is that purpose (see also Ps 34:17–18; 138:6)?

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 57:14–21.** Explain what Yahweh says in v. 16. What does he say about himself? About humans?
- (b) What is the “unjust gain” Yahweh was angry with (see 56:11)?
- (c) Even though his people “went on backsliding in the way of his own heart” (v. 17c), what does Yahweh promise to do for him (vs. 18–19)?
- (d) Explain what “the fruit of the lips” is that Yahweh will create.

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 57:14–21.** Complete peace is promised “to the far and to the near.” Who does this include (see Eph 2:13, 17)
- (b) Summarize what men have done, what God promises to do, and on what basis he will do it (vs. 15e–19).
- (c) Why will the “wicked” not receive these promises (v. 20–21)?
- (d) What similarities do you see between Jude 8–13 and Isa 57:20–21?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 57:14–21.** Using your Biblical Theology, how does this passage speak of, point to, or foreshadow Jesus?
- (b) In what ways have you experienced being crushed and lowly in spirit? Have these been the result of your sin or the sin of others, and how, in either situation, has Jesus revived your spirit and heart?
- (c) How do you “(go) on backsliding in the way of (your) own heart” (v.17c)? What hope do you find in these verses for the times you pursue sin in this way?
- (d) Using the truths found only in Isa 57:14–21, how would you (1) preach the gospel to a lost person, and (2) counsel a brother or sister in Christ who was struggling with a sin from which they thought they could not escape?

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