

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 13, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 2:5-22

Memory Passage: Isaiah 2:12

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Isaiah 2:5-22.** How does v. 5 connect with 2:1-4 & 2:6-22 and therefore function as a transition verse?

(b) To whom does Isaiah speak in vs. 6-9? Why this shift in audience, and what does it convey?

In what ways has Yahweh rejected (lit. “abandoned”) His people?

(c) Explain each of the reasons given for Yahweh’s abandoning and why each is wrong (vs. 6b-8, cf. Deut. 17:14-17, et al.).

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 2:5-22.** Read vs. 10-22 several times, taking note of repeated words & phrases. How do these repetitions help you determine the structure of this section?

(b) “In that day” occurs three times in this passage, and “has a day” occurs once. To what day is Isaiah referring?

(c) What is “the terror of Yahweh” and “the splendor of his majesty,” and to whom is it directed (vs. 10, 19, 21)?

(d) Why will mankind hide in the rocks (vs. 10, 19, 21), and how is this image used in the NT (cf. Luke 23:30; 2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 6:15-16)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 2:5-22.** Verses 11 & 17 carry the same images and ideas, marking out a unified section. Explain these verses.

(b) Explain how Yahweh will accomplish this humbling and exalting (vs. 12-16; note vs. 12 begins with “For”).

(c) How has Judah/Jerusalem made themselves guilty before God for this same judgment (cf. vs. 6-9)?

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

(a) **Read Is. 2:5-22.** Why will idols “utterly pass away” (v. 18)?

(b) Why will people “cast away their idols” (v. 20), and what does the symbolism of “moles” and “bats” tell you about the place to which they are cast?

(c) How does the corrupt world of man (vs. 5-22) compare and contrast with the holy city of God (vs. 1-4)?

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

(a) **Read Is. 2:5-22.** In what ways do you struggle with pride and arrogance? In what ways does this arrogance lead to self-sufficiency?

(b) What idols have you created that you worship? Think about your answers to (a) and how each one leads to something you worship and put your trust in other than God.

(c) How does the way God views these prideful tendencies and the idols you’ve created influence the way you look at them, and how does His judgment on them fuel your fight against them?

(d) Consider the following passages of Scripture as you formulate the way you will identify, repent of, and crucify arrogance & self-sufficient idolatry in your life: Ps. 25:8-10; Prov. 11:1; 16:8; 18:12; Matt. 5: 3, 5; Luke 14:7-11; James 4:6-10; 1 Pet. 5:5-11.

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Yahweh Has a Day