

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 19, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 8:9-22

Memory Passage: Isaiah 8:13-14a

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:18-8:22.** Write a paragraph recalling what you learned last week from your study of Isaiah 7:18-8:8.

(b) What connects 8:9-10 with 8:1-8?

(c) How do verses 9-10 connect to verses 11-22 (notice the “for” with which v. 11 begins)?

(d) Who is spoken to in verses 9-10, and who is the “us” in verses 11-12?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 8:9-22.** What does “with a strong hand upon me” tell you about the way Yahweh spoke to Isaiah?

(b) To whom does “this people” refer in verse 11?

(c) What “conspiracies” are referenced in v. 12? Think through all the national alliances that exist or are being pursued, all the opinions that might exist about said alliances, the place of Isaiah and his message in the midst of these opinions, etc.

(d) What do this people “fear” and “dread” that Isaiah is to avoid?

(e) What conspiracies are you tempted to call conspiracies or fears that tempt you to fear? How must you fight against these?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 8:9-22.** Isaiah is commanded to “honor (Yahweh of Hosts) as holy, “let Him be your fear,” and “let Him be your dread?” How did Isaiah practically do this? How do you practically do this (be specific and concrete with examples)?

(b) The promise of Immanuel will be experienced in two ways. Explain the differences in the people and the differences in the way each will receive God’s promised presence (vs. 14-15).

(c) How is honoring God and having him be our fear and dread related to Him becoming our sanctuary? Can He be the latter without us doing the former? Explain.

(d) **Read Rom. 9:30-33 & 1 Pet. 2:1-12.** How does the NT treatment of Is. 8:14 help you understand its ultimate meaning and your relationship to it as a believer in Christ?

(e) Explain what is commanded in v.16.

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

- (a) **Read Is. 8:9-22.** What actions does God take against someone from whom He is “hiding His face” (v. 17)?
- (b) From what or whom is God hiding His face today, and what does it look like for you to “wait for Yahweh . . . and hope in him” (v. 17) while He does so?
- (c) Are Isaiah’s “children” his actual children or his disciples, and how are they “signs and portents in Israel” (v. 18)?
- (d) Though you may not “inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” who or what are you tempted to inquire of rather than “inquire of (your) God?” What fears cause you to trust in these things/people rather than God, and how must you return “to the teaching and to the testimony?”

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

- (a) **Read Is. 8:9-22.** Who are those who “have no dawn,” and what is the “dawn” they lack vs. 20-22)?
- (b) What will happen to the people who “have no dawn” (vs. 21-22)?
- (c) **Read Heb. 2:9-18.** How does this passage help you fully understand Is. 8:17-18 and how it applies to you?

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