

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 10, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 10:5-19

Memory Passage: Isaiah 10:12

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:5-19.** Read our passage today with an eye toward observation. Ask and answer questions such as: Is there a change in the subject? Is there a change in tone? Is there a change in people, places, or events? Are there repeated words or phrases? Where do the verb tenses change? Where do the main characters change (i.e., who is spoken to, who is spoken about)? Where do genres change? What do you learn about man? What do you learn about God? What structure do you see?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:5-19.** What has God sent Assyria to do (vs. 5-6)?

(b) What does Assyria intend to do (v. 7), and how does their intention differ from the Lord's command?

(c) What point is being made about the king of Assyria in v. 9 (if you have an ESV Study Bible, you will find most of these towns on Map 7: The Assyrian and Babylonian Empires)?

(d) What point is made about the king of Assyria in vs. 10-11?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:5-19.** What is the “work” the Lord must finish “on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem” (v. 12a)?

(b) What will the Lord do after this work is finished (v. 12b)?

(c) Explain what the king of Assyria has done (v. 13b), how he has accomplished it (v. 13c), and the metaphors used to describe what he has done (v. 14).

(d) How do verses 7-10 & 13-14 provide evidence to support the Lord's judgment that the king engaged in “speech of the arrogant heart” and had “the boastful look in his eyes?”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:5-19.** Explain v. 15 (i.e., whom do the word pictures represent and what do their relationships signify)?

(b) How does the Lord “punish” (v. 12) the Assyrian king (vs. 16-18), and what will be the result (v. 19)?

(c) How do our nation and our leaders resemble 8th-century BC Assyria and her leaders?

(d) What do you learn about God's sovereign rule over individuals and nations from this passage (10:6-19)? How do these truths inform and challenge the church today? How should they inform and challenge our nation and its leaders?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 10:5-19.** God has judged the king of Assyria to be arrogant & prideful in both attitudes/motives and actions. In what ways do you resemble Assyria and her king? In what ways do you take credit for what God has done in and through you? In what ways have you acted as if you were the sovereign ruler of your world and neglected to give credit, thanks, and worship to God for His mighty deeds?

(b) In what ways does God's sovereignty bring you joy and peace in the midst of living in an "Assyrian" world? How does His sovereignty motivate you toward holiness?

(c) There are hundreds of passages you might read to emphasize your humble life under God's sovereign rule, but we will limit ourselves to only one today: Read and meditate on Philippians 2:1-18 and record what the Holy Spirit brings to your mind about your life, your obedience, your disobedience, your humility, your pride, your response to His work in and through you, your grumbling or questioning, how you will submit to being more blameless and innocent as lights of Christ in the twisted and crooked world, any repentance needed, and how the finished work of Christ on your behalf empowers you toward sanctification in these matters.

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