

ISAIAH THE LORD SAVES

CHECK-IN

Before you dig into the passage

Before we dive into Isaiah 10, let's take a moment to reflect on our journey through Isaiah so far. What's one thing that has stood out to you, challenged you, or perhaps even encouraged you as we've been exploring this powerful book?

READ

Isaiah 10:5-34

As the text is central to the discussion, read the week's text together. Consider using a few different translations.

OBSERVE

Make text-based observations (What?)

Guide your group to make observations from the text. Focus on elements like words, grammar, structure, tone, literary devices, genre, etc.

1. What is the first description God gives to Assyria in Isaiah 10:5?
2. What were the differing motives of the Lord and Assyria as highlighted in verse 7?
3. What analogy is used in Isaiah 10:15 to describe Assyria's attitude?
4. What is the Lord's promised response to Assyria's pride in verse 12 and 16?

5. Who is described as the "remnant" in Isaiah 10:20?
6. What is the key characteristic that defines this remnant?

INTERPRET

What does the passage mean (So what?)?

Based on the observations, what did the text mean to its original audience? What is God saying?

1. What does it signify that God uses even a violent, pagan nation like Assyria as an instrument of His anger?
2. How does the passage explain the paradox of God's sovereignty and Assyria's culpability?
3. What do you think was the deeper reason for Samaria and Jerusalem's helplessness beyond a lack of arms?
4. What does Assyria's boasting reveal about the nature of pride, especially after achieving success?
5. How does God's reaction to Assyria's pride serve as a warning for individuals and even nations today?

APPLY

What should we do and why (Now what?)?

In light of the meaning of the text in its context, what principles apply to us today?

1. Can you think of examples in history or current affairs where seemingly negative forces or individuals have inadvertently served a greater purpose?
2. How does the idea of God being sovereign even when evil seems to prevail impact your understanding of the world?
3. In what areas of your own life might you be tempted to take excessive pride in your accomplishments, forgetting God's role?
4. How can we cultivate a spirit of humility and recognize God's hand in our successes?
5. In what ways might you identify with the idea of being part of a "remnant" in your own community or society?
6. What does it mean for you to truly rely on the Lord rather than on worldly power or compromise?
7. How can the themes of God's power and intervention in this section provide comfort and guidance in your own lives and communities facing challenges?

PRAYER

Lead your group in a prayer in response to this passage. Spend time repenting of your own unbelief and declaring trust in Jesus.