



ISAIAH

THE LORD SAVES

CHECK-IN

Before you dig into the passage

We are about to finish Isaiah season 1! We end this season at an intentional change in Isaiah's ordering of his work, which means it may be worthwhile recapping chapters 1-12 by asking the group:

- What **themes** (or ideas) would you say dominate chapters 1-12?
- What important new **words** (or theological concepts) have you been introduced to?
- What **images** (or metaphors) have remained in your mind in these chapters?

READ

Isaiah 11:10-12:6

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?)

Start by focusing on the remainder of chapter 11.

1. Compare 11:10 with the visions of the kingdom in Isaiah 2:2-3, and 4:2-6. Note the similar words and themes.
2. What does "the second time" of v11 refer to? When was the first time? To answer this, start by thinking about the imagery in 11:15. Then, read Exodus 15:1-18, noting the similarities between the Exodus song, and the content in Isaiah 11:10-12:6.
3. According to v12, who are the three groups of people being assembled? For fun, go back to Jesus's end-times teaching and note the correlation (Matthew 24:31).

4. Read 2 Samuel 8:11, and compare it to Isaiah 11:14. What do you think verse 14 is referring to?

Now move on to chapter 12:

1. Read 12:1, and remind yourselves of the wonder of these words by comparing it to Isaiah 9:12, 17, 21 & 10:4.
2. If you skipped it above, make sure to read (and compare!) Isaiah 12 with Exodus 15:1-18!

INTERPRET

*What does the passage mean (**So what?**)?*

Consider chapters 11 & 12:

1. Compare Isaiah 11:12 with Acts 15:13-18. What is v12 communicating regarding God's overall plan of salvation?
2. In the sermon, much was made of the switch from singular 'you' in v1-2, to plural 'y'all' (😊) in v3-6. What do you think the importance of both of these elements is? How do we emphasise the one over the other sometimes?
3. Depending on how you count, there are four imperatives for the saved community in v4. List them, and talk about what this means for God's gathering of people now (ie Church!)

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. Verse 3 & verse 6 refer to the joy expected in people's response to God's salvation. Paul defined the essence of Christianity as "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). John Trapp, the Puritan scholar, wrote, "No duty is more pressed in both Testaments than this, of rejoicing in the Lord. It is no less a sin not to rejoice than not to repent." How can we cultivate joy in our salvation, in a current climate of stress and difficulty?
2. How can we make sure we don't omit either the personal testimony (12:1-2) or the corporate witness (12:4)? Refer back to question 2 under 'Interpret'.
3. What do you think verse 3 is ultimately encouraging us to do? How can we daily "draw water from the wells of salvation"?

PRAYER

Lead your group in a prayer in response to this passage, perhaps using the four imperatives from 12:4 as a basis. Maybe even sing a song together!