



## ***Sermon Based Study guide for MERGE GROUPS***

***Isaiah: Lifeline...Holy Hope***

*A Cry for understanding*

*Isaiah 1:1-9*

*September 27th, 2020- Craig Danielson*

***Leader's Guide:*** Please do not feel that you have to use all these questions for your Merge Group. Please pick what you think is best for your group environment. Please feel free to watch all or parts of the sermon again. The link is below.

Here is the link to the sermon; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC68-Ak5tBZp-FWfQp5Sw-aw>

***Please see Calvary Church website for study guide***

1. Over the next 5-6 months, we as a preaching team are encouraging individuals to read through the book of Isaiah or maybe even read it several times. One suggestion would be...  
2 Chapters a day with 66 Chapters, will get you through it in about a month.
2. [Read Isaiah 1:2-3](#). From these verses, Craig argues that we as people/Christ followers really struggle with understanding how much we truly have offended God. This is a great tragedy in itself,



God's people being in rebellion against him. The greatest misfortune is that we don't even know our rebellion. ***(Please discuss the significance of this as a group and even as it relates to your own life)***

3. [Read Isaiah 1:4-8](#). Craig pointed out, the great sin of God's people was that they had "forsaken" and "despised" the Lord. What that means, is that God became the LAST RESORT for his people. To despise God is to put other things ahead of God. ***(Please share and discuss your own journey where you treated God as the last resort? What things or people do you value above God?)***

4. [Read Isaiah 1:9](#). Craig argued that if it weren't for God's grace, all of us would follow the path of Sodom and Gomorrah. ***(In spite of yourself, where have you seen God's grace in preventing you from going down a wrong path?)*** Please share your story with your group. Remember, your struggle and victories are not only a testimony to God's grace, they are also an encouragement to one another!

***All Scripture References on Sunday are taken from the ESV.***