



Sermon Based Study guide for MERGE GROUPS

Isaiah: Lifeline...Holy Hope
A Cry for understanding (Part 3)
Isaiah 1:10-31
October 11th, 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. [Isaiah 1:16-17](#) contains a whole series of commands (there are also a couple in [1:10](#)). Read through them slowly, talk about them, and discuss which ones would be harder or easier for



you to obey. Now read [1:18](#). These commands all point to [1:18](#) because the only way those commands can be obeyed is if we get that transformation talked about in v18. Discuss God's goodness in how he always couples his commands with the promises and the means to fulfill them.

3. The solution to our spiritual downward spiral involves action from God and action from ourselves. God's action is seen in [Isaiah 1:9, 18, 24-27](#); our action is seen in [1:10, 16-17](#). Talk about the tension between God's role and our role in our spiritual growth. This is a huge issue! Does God do the work or do I do the work? Take some time and wrestle with this, making sure you always make God bigger and more powerful than yourself!

4. [Isaiah 1:19-20](#) creates a "fork in the road" decision point. Share times when you have chosen the right fork, and times you have chosen the wrong fork. Share ways where it would have been helpful to have other believers (like our Merge Group!) come alongside you to help you choose the right fork. How can our group do better to encourage one another in this?

5. Craig shared that we all love a redemption story! But only God can redeem us. Talk about what he redeems us from, and what he redeems us to. Share a time you tried to "fix" or "redeem" yourself and it didn't work.

All Scripture References on Sunday are taken from the ESV.