

Community Group Question Guide

Isaiah 1:10-20 – **Case & Choice: Indictment. Restoration?**

Begin by reading Isaiah 1:1-2:5 out loud together

Looking at 1:10-20:

- what do you make of the fact that God compares his own people, Judah & Jerusalem, to Sodom & Gomorrah?
- why did Israel perform sacrifices? From where did the sacrificial system come?
- why do you think God is now rejecting their sacrifices?
- like whom is Israel acting? Any idea why that's a problem?
- in Exodus we learn that God institutes structures of worship that people might have meaningful encounters with Him. What have his people made it? I.e. what seems to be happening in the Temple based on verses 12-14?
- what is God's response to all of this? (15)
- what opportunity does God give his people? How does this strike you?
- in 16-17, God gives 3 personal imperatives – what are they?
- then God gives 6 ways of expressing his life in the community – what are they?
- how do we get / do these things?
- what do you make of God's invitation in 18-19?
- what is required of his people? Where else have you seen this?
- what is the alternative (20)?
- does this passage change your thinking or convict you at all? If so, how?
- take time to confess. Ask the Lord to show you if / how you have been going through the motions or even been rebellious of heart. Ask him to cleanse and transform your heart.