

Community Group Question Guide

Isaiah 4:1-6 – **Hope: A Remnant For Life**

Begin by reading Isaiah 3:16 through chapter 4 out loud together

- Verse 1 might seem to be a bit misplaced. Indeed, some think it really should be verse “27” of chapter 3. Looking at 3:16-26 and 4:2-6, how does 4:1 fit in? What does it communicate as to the depths of despair into which God promises to act as detailed in 4:2-6?
- God’s judgment is ultimately the result of God letting go and allowing humanity to experience the full ramifications of its rebellion and sin. What do you see as the specific sins alluded to in 3:16-26 and their natural consequences?
- how does all this set the stage for 4:1?
- do you understand why these women are so desperate? (consider the place and greatest desires of women in much ancient near east culture)
- in V2, Isaiah speaks of the branch of the Lord. Where else have you seen this? What do you think it means?
- what are the coming benefits of the Lord’s plan of action? How do these speak into the awful visions of 3:16-26?
- what do you think it means to be “left in Zion,” and “remain in Jerusalem?”
- any idea what the “spirit of judgment” and “spirit of burning” mean?
- from where do the allusions to “fire by night” and “cloud by day” come? What did they do? What is the ultimate manifestation of these things?
- “canopy,” “shade,” “refuge,” “shelter” – how has / will God achieve these things for his people?
- what, if any of these things, do you think have been accomplished? Why / why not?
- take time to think and ponder. Where are you in these stunning visions?
- what do you long to experience? Ask the Lord to take you deeper into this new heavenly reality in Jesus.