

Community Group Question Guide

Series: ***Isaiah Part 2 – Chapters 6-12 – Hope In The Midst of Doom***

9:8-10:24 – *The Plan*

Long text! You may not have the time or stamina to get to all – no worries. Just read, discuss, and enter in to what you can... And leave some time for some reflection & prayer! (see page bottom)

- read 9:8-12, To whom is the Lord speaking & why? What will the Lord do?

- read 9:13-16, In V13, what do we learn about God's intentions when judgment struck?
What is the result of turning away from God?
Who are the head & tail of Israel and what have they done?

- read 17-21, What are the reasons God is angry with his people Israel (names used interchangeably: Ephraim / Jacob / Samaria – the northern kingdom)?
What is His response?

- read 10:1-4, What are the core issues here?
What is the future for those who perpetrate such things?

- read 5-11, To whom is God speaking now?
Though God called them out to be a rod of judgment of northern kingdom Israel he is fiercely angry with them – why do you think this is?

- read 12-19, What will God's judgment be upon Assyria for her unbridled arrogance and brutality?
Does anyone know what happened when Assyria invaded Judah & ultimate surrounded Jerusalem?

- read 20-27, What is the major theme in this portion of text? How far will Assyria be allowed to go?
What is the promise God gives to his people – in this case people of the Northern Kingdom?

- read 28-34, Isaiah traces Assyria's path of advancement and destruction. But where does it end and what will God do?

- **end your time considering:**
 - > what are the "Assyrias" in your life? Threats / burdens / besetting sins / areas of pain?
 - > to what / to where / to whom are you looking for relief and deliverance?
 - > what is the Spirit saying to you in the midst of these things?

- how do desire to grow in trusting the Lord and finding refuge & healing in Him?

- take time to pray over these things together – for yourself and for each other