



# OUR GOD SAVES

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK ONE

### INTRODUCING ISAIAH: TURN | BELIEVE | LIVE

Isaiah 1-66

#### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn from today's overview of Isaiah that you can apply to your life this week?

#### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Isaiah 1:18. How does this verse fit with the rest of Scripture?
2. Read Isaiah 2:1-4. What do these verses say about the future kingdom of God?
3. Read Isaiah 52:13 and 53:3-5. Who do you think these verses are describing? How can the person who is described be both high and lifted up and rejected?

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Read Isaiah 1:17. How can you "seek justice" and "correct oppression"?
2. Read Isaiah 6:5-7. How does this passage inform the way we should deal with our sin?
3. Isaiah 9:6 gives us four titles for Jesus Christ: "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Reflect on one or two of these names and describe how it should impact a difficult situation you are experiencing.

#### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

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Watch an [overview of Isaiah](#) from [BibleProject](#). Although some of the content may be difficult for young children to understand, use it as an opportunity to teach the importance of knowing the background of the books of the Bible. After watching the videos, answer these questions and thank God for including this book in the Bible.

- Who was Isaiah?
- When was Isaiah written?
- Who was Isaiah writing to?
- What problems was he addressing?
- What promises and hope does Isaiah give?

## APPLICATION

Watch an [overview of Isaiah](#) from [BibleProject](#). Afterwards, summarize what the book of Isaiah is about in a few sentences. Use this summary to help you keep a macrostructure view of the book in mind while we dive into the micro-details of the text during this series.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book: [\*Be Comforted: Feeling Secure in the Arms of God\*](#)

Book: [\*How to Read & Understand the Biblical Prophets\*](#)

Article: “[Why Study the Book of Isaiah?](#)”

Article: “[Who’s the Mystery Guest in Isaiah’s Servant Songs?](#)”

Article: “[Your Bible Is Not Boring](#)”



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WEEK TWO

## SECOND CHANCES

Isaiah 1-2

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Isaiah 1:1-23. List the ways God's people had become sinful and rebellious.
2. Read Isaiah 1:12-15, how does the sinfulness of God's people compare to their religious actions? How does God react to this?
3. How does Isaiah 1:16-20 affect the way we see the whole of chapter 1?
4. Read Isaiah 2. In one sentence, summarize the sinfulness mentioned in this chapter

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What do these chapters tell us about God?
2. What do these chapters tell us about ourselves?
3. Where do we see Christ in these chapters?
4. What will you do differently this week because of this passage?

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- When you disobey your parents, what happens? Why do your parents respond that way?
- What were some of the ways Israel disobeyed? What were some of the consequences Israel was experiencing because of their disobedience?

- What did Israel need to do to return to the Lord (1:16-20)?
- God promises good for his people in the future (2:1-5). What about this promise makes you excited?

## **APPLICATION**

Read Isaiah 1:16-20 and compare the sinfulness of Israel to your own heart and life. Confess any sin to God and thank him for his grace toward you.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Book: [\*We Become What We Worship\*](#)



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## WEEK THREE

## WHO'S GOING TO HELP YOU?

Isaiah 3-5

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Summarize God's message to his people in Isaiah 3, focusing on verses 18-26.
2. In Isaiah 4:2, what or who is "the branch of the Lord"? What is the significance of the branch of the Lord?
3. What does Isaiah 5:1-7 describe? How does this passage relate to Matthew 21:33-46?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What does this passage teach about God's attitude toward unrepentant sin?
2. What does God want you to believe in this passage?
3. What significance does Isaiah 3:13 have for believers? What significance does it have for unbelievers?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage.

- In Isaiah 3-5, Israel was in bad shape. What hope does God give in chapter 4?
- Isaiah 4:5-6 reminds us of how God protected his people at the Red Sea and in the wilderness. What is your favorite part of God's protection?
- Israel needed the branch to help them (4:2). What or who is the branch? How can the branch help you personally?

### APPLICATION

In Isaiah 4 God tells his people that, even though there is coming judgment, there is also hope because ultimately he will provide a way to cleanse the sin of Israel. Write out three verses that give you hope when you think of God's final judgment of sin.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Book: [\*The Book of Isaiah and God's Kingdom\*](#)

Book: [\*The Message of Isaiah\*](#)

Article: "[God's Goodness in the Vineyard](#)"



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WEEK FOUR

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Isaiah 6

## SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn that you can apply to your life this week?

## BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Revelation 4:2-9. What are the similarities between this passage and Isaiah 6:1-3? What is the significance of these similarities?
2. What does Isaiah mean in verse 5 when he says he is "a man of unclean lips" living "in the midst of people of unclean lips"?
3. Based on verses 9-13, what is God's goal for Isaiah as a prophet to the people?

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. What causes you to praise like the seraphim in verse 3?
2. What was Isaiah's response to understanding his sin in verse 5? How should this impact the way we view our sin?
3. What is a biblical definition of atonement (v. 7)?

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage.

- Imagine you are Isaiah in this chapter. What would you have thought and felt?
- Why was Isaiah so distraught?
- Why can't any of us stand in God's presence without our sin being taken away?
- Why did God tell Isaiah to preach to people who wouldn't listen? In what ways do you have a hard heart towards God's commands and need Jesus to help you obey?

## APPLICATION

When Isaiah gazed upon the glory of the Lord, he was humbled by his sin. Go to the Lord in prayer and, while in his holy presence, reflect on your own sin. Pray a prayer similar to the one in verse 5, including specific sins that you need to repent of.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Book: [\*The Doctrine of Repentance\*](#)

Book: [\*The Holiness of God\*](#)

Video: “[The Amazing Collection: Part 3 Introduction to the Prophets](#)”

Sermon: “[In the Throne Room: The God of Holiness and Hope](#)”

Sermon: “[The Reason We Don’t Feel the Weight of Our Sin](#)”





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WEEK FIVE

## WHEN NATIONS BREAK

Isaiah 7:1-8:10

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about firm faith that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. What are some phrases in chapter 7 that point back to chapter 6? What overall themes do these phrases help develop in the book of Isaiah?
2. How does Isaiah 7:14 relate to Jeremiah 23:6?
3. The phrase, "in that day" is used repeatedly in chapter 7. What does the phrase mean, and what is its significance in this passage?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. How does God's foretelling of the virgin birth impact the way you read books like Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John?
2. What is God communicating to you to know, believe, or do in this passage?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- Can anything stop a plan God makes? Why or why not? How does this make you feel?
- Why doesn't God ever break a promise?
- When things are hard, what promises of God can believers remember?

### APPLICATION

One spiritual discipline we often neglect is examining ourselves for areas where we may be moving away from God. Puritan John Flavel writes about this discipline, "You must exercise the utmost vigilance to discover and check the first

symptoms of departure from God, the least decline of spirituality, or the least indisposition to mediation by yourself, and holy conversation and fellowship with others.”<sup>1</sup>

This week, reflect on the state of your heart for God, asking yourself what the affections of your heart are set on. Pray that God will reignite a passion for him in the areas where you are straying from him.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: [“Is Jesus Really the Virgin-Born Child in Isaiah 7?”](#)

Article: [“Isaiah’s Vision in a Pre-Post-COVID World”](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Flavel, John *Keeping the Heart: How to Maintain Your Love for God*, (Ross-shire: Christian Focus Publications, 1999) 117.



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WEEK SIX

## WHO'S MY KING?

Isaiah 8:11-10:34

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about Christ's reign that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. What is Isaiah describing in 8:13-14?
2. How does chapter 9 describe Christ's reign over his people?
3. The phrase "For all this, his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still" is repeated several times in chapters 9 and 10. How does this phrase help develop the theme of Isaiah?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Read the list of names given to the child described in 9:6. Which one is most encouraging to you and why?
2. In chapter 9, what are some hopes you can cling to related to Jesus being our King?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- What is the difference between fearing God and fearing someone or something else?
- If we fear God, we recognize he is our King. Why is God a better king than anyone or anything else we could serve?
- What are specific ways our lives will be different if God is our King?

## APPLICATION

The prophets often write about the judgment of the Lord to evoke a proper fear of the Lord in the hearts of their readers. Author Michael Reeves writes, “To grow in this sweet and quaking wonder at God is to taste heaven now.”<sup>1</sup>

This week, re-read the passage and reflect on how Isaiah’s message of warning and judgment should provoke in you a fear of the Lord so that you experience God as your sanctuary (8:13-14).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book: [Rejoice and Tremble](#)

Article: [“To Us a Child Is Born”](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Reeves, Michael *Rejoice and Tremble: The Surprising Good News of the Fear of the Lord*, (Wheaton: Crossway, 2021) 168.



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## WEEK SEVEN

## GOD'S KINGDOM: A RIGHTEOUS REIGN

Isaiah 11-12

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about the kingdom of God that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. What themes have you seen developing so far in the book of Isaiah? How do chapters 11 and 12 continue those themes?
2. Based on chapter 11, what are some characteristics of God's reign?
3. According to the response we see in chapter 12, what should our response be to God reigning with justice and grace?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel like God is reigning in your life? Why or why not?
2. What are some ways that you can respond to God in thanksgiving for your salvation?
3. How does the grace described in 12:1-3 encourage you to trust God?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- Who is the "shoot from the stump of Jesse" (11:1)?
- How does Jesus's life fit the description in 11:2-5?
- These chapters have many pictures that describe Jesus's kingdom. Which will you remember the most? Which are you most excited about?
- When have you felt like saying the words in chapter 12? Share with each other how great it will be to do that in God's eternal kingdom someday.

## **APPLICATION**

Take some time to pray through Psalm 118. Reflect on ways that God has been your refuge in times of need and then thank him for the many ways he has rescued you.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: "[One Day Your War Will End](#)"



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WEEK EIGHT

## A WARNING TO SINFUL CITIES

Isaiah 13-20

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about God's attitude toward sin that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. What patterns or repetition do you see in these chapters?
2. What is the main point of these chapters? How do these chapters contribute to the overall message of Isaiah?
3. Isaiah often uses imagery to remind his readers of the exodus from Egypt. Why do you think he does this? (Example: Isa. 19:16-23)

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. After reading about God's judgment against sinful cities, what should our response be to this message?
2. What does God want you to know, believe, or do in light of these chapters in Isaiah?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- In these chapters, God speaks against many different cities and countries. What do they have in common? What did they do wrong?
- Why will God eventually punish all those who reject him?
- Does God punish believers when they sin? What does he do instead?
- What is the difference between the way God punishes unbelievers and the way God disciplines believers?

## **APPLICATION**

Listen to this [podcast about God's wrath on sin](#). Reflect on this question: how does knowing about God's judgment and wrath impact the way you view the cross and God's grace?

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Podcast: "[The Bible Often Mentions God's Wrath – Why Does it Matter?](#)"





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WEEK NINE

## JERUSALEM'S JUDGMENT

Isaiah 21-23

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about God's response to sin that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Isaiah 22:14 says that "iniquity will not be atoned for until you die." Why is there no atonement without death?
2. Isaiah 23:14 is an example of how the Lord has purposed for nations to carry out his judgment on other nations. What is the significance of this?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. How should we respond to passages that deal with judgment?
2. How does God's future judgment of sin compare to his immediate judgment of sin?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- Is it ever right for God to judge someone? Why or why not? What kinds of things should God punish?
- Chapter 23 shows what it looks like to trust in your own strength instead of God's. In what ways do you trust in your own strength?
- Why do people who trust in their own strength deserve to be punished? How should Christians be different?

### APPLICATION

The judgment we see in these chapters and other Old Testament passages should remind us that God's grace has spared us from his wrath. While these chapters are about other nations, the judgment against them is a picture of the judgment that God could have been poured out on us. Reflect on how God's loving kindness has spared you from his wrath, and write out a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book: [God's Glory in Salvation Through Judgment](#)



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## WEEK TEN

## A JUST JUDGE FOR A CONDEMNED WORLD

Isaiah 24-25

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about God as a just judge that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Isaiah 24. What do vv. 14-16 reveal about God's judgment? What hope might they offer in times of hardship?
2. What are some promises from God in chapter 25? Which stand out to you and why?

### GENERAL QUESTION

1. Isaiah says that the Lord will swallow up death forever and wipe away tears from all faces. What are some current struggles you have where you can apply this hope?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- Think about people you know who are not Christians. What hard consequences do they have to deal with in this life?
- Discuss the consequences non-Christians will have to face when Jesus returns. Is it worth it to live a life apart from God?
- God's holiness, greatness, and goodness can be seen all around us. When we see these things, we say that we see his "glory." How does God's justice show his glory?
- When we praise God for his holiness, greatness, and goodness, we call that "giving him glory." What are some reasons from chapter 25 that we can give him glory?

## **APPLICATION**

One way to study Old Testament passages is to look for passages in the New Testament that cover similar themes. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul quotes from Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:4 to describe the future hope that Christians have. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. Reflect on this passage and the victory we have in Christ, then respond to God with a prayer of thanksgiving.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: "[Our Tears Are Being Undone](#)"



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WEEK ELEVEN

## PERFECT PEACE DURING DISTRESS

Isaiah 26-29

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about the peace God offers that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. The phrase "In that day..." appears seven times in chapters 26-29 (26:1; 27:1, 2, 12; 28:5; 29:18). What is the significance of this phrase? How should this phrase help us interpret these verses?
2. In what areas of your life do you need to experience this perfect peace?
3. What is being described in 26:6? What does it mean?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Explain what you think the perfect peace mentioned in 26:3 is.
2. In what areas of your life do you need to experience this perfect peace?
3. What are some ways you can keep your mind stayed, or steadfast, on the Lord so that you can experience the peace he offers?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- What makes you feel peaceful? What does not make you feel peaceful?
- What is peace? Why does peace never last?
- Can non-Christians have peace with God? Why or why not? How do we get peace with God?
- Reread Isaiah 26:3. What comfort can Christians take from this verse?

## **APPLICATION**

Isaiah 26:3 is similar to Colossians 3:2, “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Reflect on a time when you experienced the peace of God because you were consistently in communion with him. Pray that God will help you keep your mind stayed on him so that you can experience perfect peace, one that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: “[Set Your Mind on Things Above: How to Live Heavenly Minded](#)”



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## WEEK TWELVE A GRACIOUS GOD FOR REBEL PEOPLE

Isaiah 30-33

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about hoping in a future king that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. In chapters 30-31, why does God tell the people not to return to Egypt?
2. What does chapter 32 say about foolish people who live in the land of the righteous king?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. How do we seek the peace that is described in 32:16-20?
2. Chapter 30 describes a rebellious people who turn from the Lord. What are ways that we rebel against the Lord?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- When was the last time you did something you knew you weren't supposed to do? What were the consequences?
- Have you ever been forgiven when you knew you did something really bad? What did it feel like to be forgiven?
- When we recognize we are sinning, what should we do?
- When we turn to God and his son Jesus, what will be God's response?

## **APPLICATION**

Isaiah 30:15 says, “For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’” In this verse, God gives us two actions to mend our broken relationship with him: repent and trust. Reflect on something you need to repent of and seek the Lord. Then, rest in the fact that God offers grace for those who repent. Think of practical ways you can rest in God’s grace this week.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: “[We Need a Real King](#)”



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## WEEK THIRTEEN RANSOMED IN JUDGMENT

Isaiah 34-35

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn from the sermon that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. In Isaiah 34:2, what does it mean that the Lord has "devoted them to destruction"?
2. What is being described in Isaiah 35:3-6? Can you think of similar passages in the New Testament?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Observation: What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. Interpretation: What questions does this passage raise for you?
3. Application: How should we respond to this passage and its message?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- When circumstances are hard, what promises of God does your family turn to? Which promise will you turn to next time?
- If a believer sins, does God stop loving them? Does God stop fulfilling his promises until the person repents?
- Which promises can a believer remember when they sin?



## **APPLICATION**

Reread Isaiah 35:3-6. This text describes the new covenant that believers have through the blood of Jesus. What miracle do you need from God that you can ask him to do because you have been saved through Christ? Spend time praying that God would act mightly in this area of your life.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: "[We Have Something of Heaven](#)"



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## WEEK FOURTEEN A SAVIOR FOR THE EXILED

Isaiah 36-39

### SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn from the sermon that you can apply to your life this week?

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Compare Isaiah 36-39 to the preceding chapters. What literary changes do you observe? What is the significance of these changes?
2. Isaiah 37:22-29, how does God respond to Hezekiah's prayer for salvation from the Assyrians? What does God say he will do to Assyria in 37:29?
3. Isaiah 38:10-20 records Hezekiah's prayer of thanksgiving after God healed him. What is Hezekiah's posture towards God in these verses? How does his posture shift in chapter 39?

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Observation: What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. Interpretation: What questions does this passage raise for you?
3. Application: How should we respond to this passage and its message?

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Use these questions to help guide your children in understanding this week's passage:

- Imagine you are King Hezekiah. Why would this situation have been so scary?
- How did Hezekiah respond? Why did he respond that way?
- What should we remember about Hezekiah the next time we are scared?

## **APPLICATION**

Isaiah 38 relays the story of Hezekiah's sickness and healing. Use Hezekiah's prayer of thanksgiving in 38:10-20 as a template for your own prayer of thanksgiving in response to answered prayer. Write out your prayer and pray through it during the next week.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Article: "[What Difference Will Prayer Make?](#)"