

The Gospel According to Isaiah

From RUIN To REDEMPTION



Small Group Questions

Message: “The God who Demands Justice.”

Speaker: Pastor Dave

Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

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Text: Isa 1:1-31

1. In Isaiah 1:2–4, God accuses His people of **rebellion**. What images does Isaiah use to describe their rebellion, and what do those images teach us about sin?
2. How does Isaiah describe the spiritual and moral sickness of the people in verses 5–9? How might these verses connect with the idea of shalom being broken?
3. In verses 10–15, why does God reject Israel’s sacrifices and worship practices? What does this reveal about God’s priorities in worship? How can we do this today?
4. What does God *actually* desire from His people according to verses 16–17? How would you summarize His call in your own words?
5. Verse 18 promises forgiveness (“though your sins are like scarlet...”). How does this verse balance the strong words of judgment in the rest of the chapter?
6. In verses 21–23, Jerusalem is compared to a corrupt city. What signs of injustice are listed here, and how do they compare with injustices we see today?
7. Verse 27 says, “Zion shall be redeemed by justice.” How do you understand the connection between justice and redemption?
8. Where do you see examples of “empty religion” in today’s world — or in your own life? How can we guard against it?
9. What role does **pain** or discipline play in God’s work of refining His people (vv. 25–27)? Have you experienced God using hardship to grow your faith?
10. Isaiah 1:17 calls God’s people to “seek justice, correct oppression, bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” What would it look like for our small group/church to live this out in practical ways today?

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