The Gospel According to Isaiah

From RUIN To REDEMPTION



Small Group Questions

Message: "The One We're All Waiting For."

Speaker: Pastor Dave Hentschel Series: "From Ruin to Redemption."

Date: 10/12/25 **Text:** Isa 11:1-12:6

1. Who is your favorite superhero? What are the key qualities in a great leader?

2. The Branch from Jesse (11:1)

What does the image of a "shoot from the stump of Jesse" tell us about Israel's condition and God's faithfulness? How might this speak into seasons of apparent hopelessness in our lives?

3. The Spirit of the Lord (11:2)

Isaiah describes seven aspects of the Spirit resting on the Messiah. Which of these qualities do you most long to see more of in your own life or leadership?

4. Righteous Judgment (11:3–5)

How does the Messiah's way of judging differ from the world's? What does it mean that He "does not judge by what His eyes see"?

5. The Peaceable Kingdom (11:6–9)

Isaiah paints a poetic picture of harmony between predator and prey. What do you think this symbolizes? How does this vision shape our hope for creation's future?

6. The Knowledge of the Lord (11:9)

"The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." What would a world filled with God's knowledge look like—and how can we participate in spreading it now?

7. A Banner for the Nations (11:10–12)

How does the Messiah become a rallying point for people from every nation? What does this reveal about God's heart for the nations and His plan for unity?

8. The Second Exodus (11:15–16)

Isaiah describes a highway for God's people to return home. How is this new exodus a picture of redemption in Christ?

9. Personal Praise (12:1-2)

Isaiah moves from prophecy to personal worship: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord." What does it look like to respond to salvation with gratitude even after seasons of anger, fear, or suffering?

10. Wells of Salvation (12:3)

What do you think it means to "draw water from the wells of salvation"? How have you experienced God's refreshment or renewal in your own spiritual life?

11. Declare His Deeds (12:4-6)

The passage ends with a call to proclaim God's greatness. What are some practical ways our group or church can "make known His deeds among the peoples" this week?

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