

ISAIAH

Discussion Guide

October 9/10 Sermon | Isaiah 44:24 - 45:25

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

Read Isaiah 44:24-45:6.

1. What hope is God offering to the people of Israel?
2. How will this hope be realized? Who will be their “saviour” and what do you learn about this person?
For additional discussion, review questions from Day 1 & Day 2 of the Devotional
3. How did the weekend sermon help you to understand the hope being offered in this text?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Ezra 1:1-8.

1. What do you learn about God’s trustworthiness by reading this text? What does this historical book confirm about God’s prophecy to Isaiah?
2. How does God’s character encourage or convict you today?
3. How was this text connected to the gospel (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus) in the weekend sermon? *For other connections, review questions from Day 3 & 4 of the Devotional.*

4. What other gospel connections do you see in this text?
 - a. What do we learn about how Christ is foreshadowed or anticipated?
 - b. What do we learn about who God is?
 - c. What do we learn about the relationship between God and man?
 - d. What do we learn about the problem of sin?
 - e. What does it look like to follow God in this text?
 - f. How does God save in this text?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

We all have heroes that we often look to in times of trials or suffering, and Christian history is full of men and women who stepped up and kept the faith in hard times:

1. Who are some biblical characters whose story or message gives you a good example to follow?
2. Who are some figures from church history that have given you hope or encouraged you in hard times?

3. What daily practices remind you of your Christian hope and identity?
4. What weekly or monthly habits remind you of your Christian hope?

Everyone needs hope, and Christians must cultivate this Christian hope in their daily lives. Mark used the illustration of immigrants to talk about how they keep their “culture” alive, and this is a helpful image for Christians living in the last days:

Prayer

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?