

Isaiah 11:1-10 Discussion Guide

Pray

Apart from God, we can do nothing. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion. Throughout your time together, continue asking God for help.

Read Scripture

Read Isaiah 10:20 – 11:16 together with special focus on 11:1-10.

Bible Study: The HEAR Method

The bulk of your time will be spent discussing God's Word together. HEAR is an inductive Bible study method that looks closely at what the Bible says to discover what it means so that we can faithfully apply it to our lives.

HEAR stands for:

- **Highlight:** read and observe everything in the passage carefully.
- **Examine:** based on your observations, discover what the passage means in its context.
- **Apply:** determine how the meaning of the passage applies to your life.
- **Respond in prayer:** pray God's Word back to Him.

Remember:

- Walk through the Bible study together using the HEAR method and talk about what stuck out most to you in the passage.
- Make sure you move discussion to the application section of your study.
- Affections, beliefs, and practices: Make sure to apply the passage to all your life.

Pray

- Take time to pray for one another and ask for His grace to apply His Word to our daily lives.

Open: What are some things in this world you are excited to see fixed when Jesus returns? How should this hope affect the way we look at the world today?

Study:

- 1) What is the importance of "the stump of Jesse" in verse 1?
- 2) What two things in verses 2-3 empower the coming King to rule as David ruled? (See 2 Sam 23:2-3)
- 3) How does the Spirit of the LORD help the King govern? (vs. 2)
- 4) Read Luke 4:16-19. What does this tell us about the coming King from Isaiah 11:2? What does this say about the coming of the kingdom?
- 5) How does the fear of the LORD govern the King's rule? (vs. 3-4)
- 6) How do "righteousness" and "faithfulness" relate to how the King has been described thus far? (vs. 5)
- 7) What is being promised in verse 6? What is the significance of the terms "wolf" and "lamb"?

- 8) What does verse 7 indicate will change when the King comes back and rules creation? What are some ways this change could go well beyond the picture of a change in diet?
- 9) How is verse 8 promising something different than verse 6? (See Genesis 3:14-15)
- 10) According to verse 9, what is the cause of the changes to creation that we see in verses 6-8?
- 11) How are “the nations” in verse 10 antithetical to “the wicked” in verse 4? What do “the nations” in verse 10 do that sets them apart?

Apply:

- 12) What are some improper ways you tend to pursue personal justice? Why is it difficult for you to trust Christ with the injustices that happen to you?
- 13) How are you tempted to distrust what Jesus in the Bible says is good in favor of what the world we live in says is good? How can you foster trust for Christ in your own life to help you combat those tendencies?
- 14) Does heaven feel like a real promise that functions in your life? If so, what does that function look like? If not, how can we foster a more real hope of heaven in our own and each other’s lives?
- 15) How does this passage encourage us to live in light of the world to come?

PRAY:

- Take time thank God the He truly is the One who always keeps His promises.
- Take time to thank God that He’s going to come back again and set all things right.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s help to remember the hope that we have in Jesus.
- Ask God to give you love and boldness to share the hope you have for life in Jesus.