

Isaiah 12:1-6 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 11-12:6 together with special focus on 12:1-6.

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: Do you have a favorite song from a previous decade? If so, what is it and why is it your favorite?

Study:

- 1) Consider Isaiah 12:1-2 with the context of the previous chapters (6-11) in your mind. In light of the previous chapters, how is this song of exultation fitting and appropriate?
- 2) What does this song in verses 1-2 say about man? About God? Why is it significant that he uses personal pronouns?
- 3) In reading through 12:1-6 what phrases are striking to you? Why?
- 4) What is universally true of a person that God has saved (see 12:1-3)?
- 5) What does it mean that God is your "strength" and your "defense" (see 12:2)?

Salvation (12:2-3). Negatively, this means deliverance from danger, sickness, loss, slavery, and all other evils. Positively, it means the restoration and preservation of safety, health, wholeness, and all other blessings.

- 6) What does it mean to “draw water from the wells of salvation” (12:3)? What is significant about water for the original audience and for us living today? (Take time to read Psalm 36:9; Jeremiah 2:13; John 4:10, 13-14.)
- 7) What is the natural response to what God has done for us (see 12:4-6)? What does this imply about the connection between receiving grace and desiring to share it with others? (See Isa. 6:7-8; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Pet. 2:9.)

Apply:

- 8) How is God your strength, your defense, and your salvation? How has God ended His anger towards you and comforted you?
- 9) What does it mean for you to draw water from the wells of salvation? Is this a regular practice for you or not? How could rehearsing the gospel help you to experience joy regardless of your present circumstances?
- 10) This prophecy has been fulfilled through Jesus’ first coming, but in another sense has only been partially fulfilled. What are Christians still waiting for? Why is it important for us to remember that there is an already-but-not-yet experience of the fulfillment of this prophecy? What difference do these future promises make for our present lives?
- 11) When was the last time that you shared with others what God has done for you by removing His anger and showering you with grace and mercy through Jesus? Take some time to ask God for more opportunities to share what He has done for you.

PRAY:

- Take time thank God the He truly is the One who always keeps His promises.
- Take time to thank God that He’s gracious and slow to anger.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s help not to take His deliverance of you for granted.
- Ask God to give you opportunities to share with others what He has done for you.