

Isaiah 2:6-22 **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 all of Isaiah 2, with special focus on 2:6-22.

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 murder mystery book or movie? If so, what is it? Have you ever re-watched or re-read a good murder mystery before? If so, what was the different for you the second time around? Why?

Study:

- 1) Take a moment and recount all of the repeated phrases and images in this passage. Why does God instruct Isaiah to prophecy in this way to the people living at that time?
- 2) What reason does God give for forsaking His people (see vs. 6)?
- 3) What is so significant about fortune-tellers (or soothsayers) and "eastern" ways? Take a few minutes to recount other passages of Scripture where fortune-tellers are spoken about. Why is God so against these ways?
- 4) What other sins had the people committed (see vs. 7-9)? Why are these so significant to the Lord?
- 5) What does Isaiah prophesy would happen to those who were haughty and exalted (see vs. 10-17)? Take time to list the comparisons that help illustrate God's point.

- 6) Who will be exalted on “that day”? What is the significance of this expression, “the day of the Lord”, both in Isaiah in other parts of Scripture?
- 7) What is going to happen to the idols that the people cling to when God brings down the haughty (see vs. 18-21)?
- 8) What should people do regarding those who exalt themselves before God and worship idols (or trust in alliances) (see vs. 22)? Why is this a wise response in light of God’s power and might?

Apply:

- 9) If God were to speak about the things that you cling to for security, comfort, and hope for the present and future, what similarities with the people during Isaiah’s time might be spoken about?
- 10) Why do you think God provides the people of God with a view of the “day of the Lord”? What should kind of response should it illicit in you today? Are there things that get in the way or distract you from considering the coming “day of the Lord” and its implications for your life?
- 11) What can haughty unbelievers in the gospel expect to experience at the coming “day of the Lord”? Why? (Take a moment to read Revelation 6:15-17) How does this sober you?
- 12) What can Christians expect to experience at the coming “day of the Lord”? Why? (Take a moment and read Revelation 19:6-7) How does this expectation encourage you?

PRAY:

- Take time thank God the He truly is the Lord who saves.
- Take time to thank God for giving us clarity about the ultimate end of all things to provide us with comfort, hope, and boldness in living for Him.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s help you remember that He really is the One who saves and not to put our hope in other things or other people or even other circumstances.
- Ask God to give you a zealous love to share with others that God saves.