Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Scripture: Isaiah 12



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Through the cross, God extends salvation and comfort to undeserving sinners; and this remarkably gracious gift is every reason to worship, sing, declare, and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ in all the world.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- Although Israel deserved God's judgment, what prompted them to praise God? What is worship, and what fuels your praise and worship?
- What does it mean that "God is salvation" (Acts 4:12)? Can you personally say that "God is *my* salvation"? Why?
- Why do those who have experienced God's salvation have nothing to fear (verse 2)? How do we grow in our reverence and dependence on God?
- Why the change from first person singular (I, me, my) to second person plural (you) when describing worship (verse 3)?
- Why should the life of the believer be characterized by joy (verse 3)?
- Discuss the five imperatives (commands) given in verses 4-6? How are worship and evangelism inextricably connected?
- How is God's righteous anger turned away from guilty sinners so that he might mercifully and justly comfort them?

