## **Community Group Discussion Guide**

Sunday, June 13, 2021 Scripture: Isaiah 21-24



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

One day God's judgment will fall upon all nations of the earth for their rebellion, but God graciously invites all to take refuge in his Son Jesus Christ, who alone atones and forgives sin.

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

- Why does Isaiah weep and grieve as he proclaims God's oracles to the nations (21:3-4; 22:4)? Are you broken over people who refuse to turn to God and are heading toward a Christless eternity?
- What is Babylon's destiny and why (21:9-10)? What does the nation symbolize?
- What is God's repeated warning to his people in these oracles? Where do you place your trust? Are you engaged in habits or a lifestyle that you know ultimately leads to destruction?
- What is the city's temperament despite God's oracle to Jerusalem (22:1-2)? How does God act against Israel in 22:8 and why? Why is Jerusalem held more accountable for its sin and rebellion than the Gentile nations?
- Like Israel, is God calling you to humble yourself and repent of sin? Discuss how the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope for atonement and redemption?
- What two commands did God give Tyre and Sidon in 23:1-2 and why? What important role did the two cities play in the region? How will God later redeem and use them to bless His people (23:17-18; Luke 6:17-20; Matthew 15:21-28; Acts 21:1-15)? What can we learn from this?
- Who was Shebna, and what was his sin (22:15-19)? What remarkable prophecy follows? What does this teach us about human leaders, even good ones (Revelation 3:7)?
- Why do all nations of the earth deserve God's judgment (24:5-6)?
- Who are the "few men" that are left (24:6b), and why could they praise God amidst the desolation of God's judgment (24:14-16)? Why didn't Isaiah join in the rejoicing?
- When is "that day" (24:21)? What is the primary focus of this prophecy (verse 23)?

