

Isaiah

The following questions are for group discussion. The discussion should aim to help participants think through the lesson and its application both personally and in the church.

1. What is the central theme of the book of Isaiah?
2. While holiness represents a most powerful antithesis to sin, what is the chief quality of holiness communicated in Isaiah? See 5:16; 6:1-4; 40:18, 25-27; 57:15.
3. What does the holiness of God call for in His people? See 6:5; 29:23; 61:1; 66:2.
4. God's holiness is at odds with all sin and demands separation from those who commit it (59:2). What results when holy righteousness meets sin (5:16)? Is God's wrath ever arbitrary (1:2; 30:12; 31:1; 42:17)?
5. God is holy. Man is sinful. But against this stark contrast, what other great theme does Isaiah magnify? See 7:14 (Matthew 1:22-23); 9:1-2 (Matthew 4:12-16); 9:6 (Luke 2:11; Ephesians 2:14-18); 11:1 (Luke 3:23, 32; Acts 13:22-23); 11:2 (Luke 3:22); 28:16 (1 Peter 2:4-6); 40:3-5 (Matthew 3:1-3); 42:1-4 (Matthew 12:15-21); 42:6 (Luke 2:29-32); 50:6 (Matthew 26:67; 27:26, 30); 52:14 (Philippians 2:7-11); 53:3 (Luke 23:18; John 1:11; 7:5); 53:4-5 (Romans 5:6, 8); 53:7 (Matthew 27:12-14; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-19); 53:9 (Matthew 27:57-60); 53:12 (Mark 15:28); 61:1 (Luke 4:17-19, 21).
6. What is most impactful to you about the central passage of the Servant Songs (52:13-53:12)?