**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 1**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 1:1 – 2:22

1. What part of the opening lecture was of interest to you?

2. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 1:18).

 b. Share a thought that Scripture brings to mind.

3. What are your personal goals for this year’s Bible study?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 1:1-17

4. Isaiah was a prophet to ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while which kings were in power?

5. a. In vs. 2-9 Judah had rebelled against God. What had they done in vs. 4?

 b. What were they suffering in vs. 6-7?

 c. How had the Lord shown mercy?

 d. (IN-DEPTH) What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah and why?

6. a. How were the people keeping the “letter” of the law?

 b. How were they missing the “spirit” of the law?

 c. What does God want from Psalm 51:17?

 . . . Hosea 6:6?

 . . . Micah 6:8?

7. In Isaiah 1:15 God said He would not listen to their prayers. From these Scriptures, what could hinder prayer?

 a. Proverbs 21:13

 b. Isaiah 59:2

 c. Zechariah 7:12

8. a. What did God specifically want them to do in Isaiah 1:16-17?

 b. What do you think might be the personal cost to actively carry out those instructions?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 1:18-31

9. a. What is the offer of grace in vs. 18?

 b. Share your understanding of what grace means.

 c. How do you think we can avoid taking advantage of God’s gift of grace?

10. God made them “an offer they can’t refuse.” What was it?

11. a. How had the faithful city (Jerusalem) forsaken God?

 b. Share an example of how our country has followed this example.

12. a. In vs. 24-28, what steps would God take for Jerusalem’s restoration?

 b. According to Ephesians 1:5-7, what steps has God taken for our restoration?

13. Living without God is like “a garden without water” (vs. 30). Share a time when you felt spiritually dry and how Jesus (the Living Water) refreshed you.

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 2:1-5

14. Isaiah was the son of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. a. In the prophecy of vs. 2-5 . . . which mountain will be exalted?

 . . . many people will come for what reason?

 . . . what will be characteristic of this time?

 b. Think about a time when people will want to know God, when law and order, peace and national security prevail. Why are those comforting thoughts?

16. a. Because of this future hope, how should we act in the present according to vs. 5?

 b. What does that mean in a practical sense to you?

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 2:6-22

17. What had entangled the people?

18. In verses 9-18 the Day of the Lord would bring what change?

19. a. When the Lord “rises to shake the earth in the splendor of His majesty” (vs. 21), what should people do according to vs. 19-21?

 b. What is the parallel reaction to this time in Revelation 6:15-17?

 c. What does Romans 5:9 say about finding safety from God’s wrath?

20. a. What is the “bottom line” of verse 22?

 b. What do these Scriptures teach:

 Psalm 118:8

 Proverbs 29:25

 Nahum 1:7

21. Summarize this lesson: What should God’s people stop doing?

 . . . start doing?