**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 18**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 44:1 – 47:15

1. What was meaningful to you from last week’s lesson?

2. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 46:10).

 b. What attribute of God do you see in this verse?

3. Chapter 43 closed with condemnation, but chapter 44 opens with hope. What was the Lord’s relationship with Israel?

4. a. Like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a thirsty land, what would the Lord pour out?

 b. How do you see both Jew and Gentile in vs. 5?

 c. If you “belong to the Lord,” how has He poured out His Spirit in your life?

5. In vs. 6-8, what . . .

 a. . . . names identify the Lord?

 b. . . . characteristics of the Lord do you see?

 c. Which name or characteristic of God gives you special encouragement and why?

6. In the scathing rebuke of idols (vs. 9-20),

 a. What are those who defend them called?

 b. What shape does it often take in vs. 13?

 c. What fallacy do the idol-makers seem oblivious to?

7. Vs. 20 speaks of a “deluded heart.” (NIV) How do you think we can keep ourselves from being deceived or deluded and drawn away from God?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 44:21-28

8. a. What had God done in vs. 22?

 b. Write these Scriptures with joy in your heart.

 Psalm 103:11-12

 Acts 13:38

 Ephesians 2:4-5

9. Jerusalem shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. How would this come about?

10. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, name some others who were chosen to “accomplish” God’s purpose and what was their task?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 45:1-14

11. a. How would the Lord help Cyrus?

 b. Why?

12. What is unusual in vs. 4 about God’s plan?

13. Fill in: “I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no God.” (vs. 5)

14. How is the Lord in control?

15. a. What is the essence of Isaiah’s rebuke in vs. 9-10?

 b. Do you think this means we are not to question God? Why or why not?

16. What was God’s reminder in vs. 11-12?

17. a. Although 160 years in the future, God’s plan was to do what?

 b. What do you learn in Ezra 1:1-4?

18. What would those defeated by Cyrus declare?

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 45:15-25

19. A wooden idol may be seen, but God is Spirit (John 4:24).

 a. What is His purpose for Israel?

 b. . . . for the earth?

 c. . . . for all to understand (vs. 21)?

20. a. God’s divine call is what?

 b. How is that echoed in Romans 10:12?

 . . . Revelation 3:20?

21. a. Today there is time to choose . . . the invitation of grace is open. One day, however, what will be true from Isaiah 45:23-24?

 b. . . . true according to Philippians 2:5-11?

22. God’s enemies will bow in surrender for judgment, but God’s people will bow in adoration for being declared righteous. Think of someone you need to pray for and petition God for their salvation or praise Him for their salvation. Which did you choose? Please share.

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 46:1 – 47:15

23. a. The Babylonians must carry their idol gods named \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because they are unable to rescue.

 b. In contrast, what does the Lord do for Jacob/Israel?

 c. Share a time when you felt the Lord carrying and/or sustaining you.

24. Idols made by man are shiny but silent. God’s people were instructed to remember what in vs. 8-11 about . . .

 a. God?

 b. His prophecies?

 c. His power to perform?

25. a. Who should listen to God?

 b. Why?

 c. How do you think stubborn hearts are softened toward the Lord?

26. In vs. 1-5 what was the picture of Babylon’s humiliation?

27. Why was God particularly angry?

28. Feeling secure will not change what truth in vs. 11?

29. a. Babylon had a history of occult practices. Which are specifically made reference to in vs. 12-15?

 b. What do these Scriptures teach?

 Leviticus 19:31

 Leviticus 20:6

 Deuteronomy 18:10-11

 c. What are some of the most common occult practices today.

 d. Why do you think people become involved with them?