**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 22**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 55:6 – 57:21

1. What touched you from last week’s lesson?

2. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 55:8).

 b. How have you seen that truth in action?

3. To receive what the Lord offers, what must be done?

4. What does the phrase “while he may be found” or “while he is near” mean to you?

5. a. How different are God’s ways?

 b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, cite a time or two that God’s way was definitely different from what man expected.

6. a. God’s Word is compared to what?

 b. . . . effective because?

 c. . . . important because (from Romans 15:4)?

7. Read Romans 8:19-21, then Isaiah 55:12-13. How will creation celebrate when God’s kingdom comes in future glory?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 56:1-8

8. In waiting for what God will bring about, what should they be doing?

9. From verses 3-7:

 a. A foreigner who has come to the Lord might feel how? . . . would be accepted how?

 b. A eunuch who has come to the Lord might feel how? . . . would be accepted how?

10. a. Fill in: “My house

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

 b. What is the promise of verse 8?

11. a. A gathering of Jew and Gentile into a house of prayer – what is that called today?

 b. Write a sentence of praise for yours.

12. Summarize this lesson: What does God want regarding . . .

 a. A restored relationship?

 b. A repentant people?

 c. A reconciled congregation?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 56:9-12

13. a. What was the condition of Israel’s watchmen (spiritual leaders)?

 b. What were the duties of a watchman from Ezekiel 3:17-19?

 c. What was on God’s heart from Ezekiel 33:11?

14. From Isaiah 56:11, what did the leaders to “as dogs?”

 . . . “as shepherds?”

15. a. What was the craving in vs. 12?

 b. Solomon had given what warnings in

 Proverbs 23:20-21?

16. In what sense do you think there is a lesson for our nation in verses 10-12?

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 57:1-6

17. a. Write Psalm 12:1.

 b. According to Isaiah 57:1-2 what is not understood?

 c. As a Christian what does it mean to “enter into peace” in death?

18. From vs. 3-6 would these statements be true or false?

 \_\_\_\_\_ Judah was accused of being an adulterer by idol worship

 \_\_\_\_\_ Idol worship demanded child sacrifice

 \_\_\_\_\_ Instead of temple worship, trees and ravines were

 worship sites

 \_\_\_\_\_ Drink and grain offerings were reserved for the Lord

19. Fill in: In light of these things, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 (NIV vs. 6)

20. a. How would you respond to the statement, “All God seems to be in the Old Testament is angry and full of judgment.”

 b. What is the truth of Psalm 103:8?

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 57:7 – 21

21. What phrases in vs. 7-9 suggest spiritual adultery found in idolatry?

22. Consider the thought about being tired of sin (vs. 10). Why do you think some “renew their strength” and continue to sin?

23. a. Why might the people have lost their fear of God?

 b. Write Ecclesiastes 8:11.

24. a. What will be of no benefit to the unrepentant?

 b. Do you think that is still true for mankind today? Please explain.

25. What is the promise for those who would repent?

26. a. Clear the way! God is ready to do what?

 b. What did Jesus say in Matthew 5:3?

 c. What do we learn in Psalm 34:18?

 . . . in Psalm 51:17?

27. How is God’s mercy seen in Isaiah 57:16?

 . . . in Psalm 78:39?

28. a. What does the Lord promise to do for the contrite in Isaiah 57:18-19?

 b. From your Bible knowledge, select someone who is an example of God’s restoration to the contrite.

29. The wicked are like what?

30. Write Isaiah 57:21.

31. Summarize this lesson:

 The leaders were

 The people were

 The contrite were

 The wicked were