**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 23**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 58:1 – 60:22

1. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 59:1).

 b. God is actively involved in your life. Share a time when you’ve been very aware of that.

2. a. Outwardly the people were trying to display their spirituality. How?

 b. What was their complaint?

3. a. Why was the effort unacceptable to the Lord?

 b. What do we learn about hypocrisy in Titus 1:16?

4. What kind of fasting pleased God?

5. a. Why do people fast today?

 b. How do you think Isaiah 58:7 expands the spiritual discipline of fasting?

 c. Of what are we reminded in Hosea 6:6?

 . . . Micah 6:8?

6. Doing it “God’s way” instead of “my way” results in what from Isaiah 58:8-9?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 58:10-14

7. a. As the exiles returned from Babylon, what was the Lord’s encouragement for . . .

 . . . right living?

 . . . refreshment?

 . . . restoration?

 b. Share a time when the Lord’s blessings left you feeling like “a well-watered garden.”

 c. In your opinion, how can you overcome spiritual dryness?

8. a. Instead of ritualistic observance of the Sabbath, the people should call the Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 b. How do you think a person can devote a day to worship so that it is a spiritual delight and not a religious chore?

9. A right heart for God brings what in vs. 14?

10. “To feast on the inheritance of your father Judah.” God’s people are blessed how according to Psalm 33:12?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 59:1-21

11. Feeling separated from God is . . .

 not true because (vs. 1)

 true because (vs. 2)

12. In vs. 1-8, match the following accusations of sin:

 a. hands \_\_\_\_\_ evil and violent

 b. lips \_\_\_\_\_ crooked and without peace

 c. deeds \_\_\_\_\_ stained with blood and guilt

 d. feet \_\_\_\_\_ conceive trouble and are evil

 e. thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ lying and spinning snares

 f. paths \_\_\_\_\_ rush to sin

13. (IN-DEPTH) How does the Bible use leaven to illustrate sin and what relationship does that have to today’s reading?

14. What did Isaiah acknowledge as their spiritual condition in vs. 9-11?

 . . . their guilt in vs. 12-13?

15. a. “no truth to be found . . . no one to intervene.” What was God’s plan from these Scriptures?

 Isaiah 59:17?

 Isaiah 59:20?

 Jeremiah 33:15-16?

 b. How do you think Jesus fulfilled the problems of “no truth to be found . . . no one to intervene?”

16. What did the Lord promise in Isaiah 59:21?

 . . . in Matthew 24:35?

17. Summarize this lesson: What did God

 expose as their hypocrisy?

 expect from His people?

 express as His help?

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 60:1-12

18. a. Because the Redeemer, the Messiah, comes to Jerusalem (Isaiah 59:20), what is true in Isaiah 60:1?

 b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, under what circumstances had God displayed His Shekinah glory in the past?

19. What spiritual condition exists (vs. 2) when the Lord’s glory appears?

20. How will the Gentiles respond?

 . . . the Jews?

21. a. What did the Lord promise in Zephaniah 3:20?

 b. In vs. 5-6, how did Isaiah describe the wealth restored to Zion?

 c. A portion of the wealth would be used as what?

22. Because of God’s blessing, Zion would enjoy material prosperity (vs. 8-9). How do you think our nation “under God” has prospered?

23. Those who once destroyed Jerusalem would do what?

24. Vs. 10b speaks of the Lord’s discipline and compassion. In your opinion,

 a. what is the purpose of discipline?

 b. why is compassion a necessary companion?

 c. what can we apply to ourselves in thinking about this?

25. Access for all to come to Zion . . . what do we learn in these Scriptures?

 John 10:9

 Romans 5:1, 2

 Ephesians 2:18-20

26. a. Just as many would come, some would not. What would be their fate?

 b. What does Zechariah 14:16-19 indicate as a method the Lord will use to ruin such nations?

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 60:13-22

27. a. What will adorn the millennial sanctuary?

 b. How will this be reminiscent of the former temple of Solomon?

 (See 1 Kings 5:1-10, 1 Kings 6:28)

28. a. How are oppressors humbled?

 b. How is Israel exalted?

29. In verses 15-16 restoration is a hallmark of God’s power. What restoration have you seen that could only be attributed to the Lord?

30. a. Fill in vs. 17. “I will make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

 b. Fill in vs. 18. “You will call \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

 c. Peace . . . righteousness . . . salvation . . . praise. What do these Scriptures say to encourage us today?

 Psalm 29:11

 Hosea 10:12

 Psalm 118:13, 14

 Psalm 147:1

31. Since “your God will be your glory,” how will the environment react?

32. a. Israel’s bright future included a promise of what regarding . . .

 . . . sorrow?

 . . . the land?

 . . . their strength?

 b. What are the promises from Revelation 21:3-7 regarding . . .

 . . . sorrow?

 . . . inheritance?

33. a. Chapter 60 closes with what statement?

 b. What does that confirm to you about God’s sovereignty?

34. Summarize this lesson: What will be the overall

 change for Zion?

 cause for praise?