**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 4**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 7:1 – 8:22

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

2. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 7:9b).

 b. What does that mean in your life?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 7:1-9

3. Who was at war with Jerusalem?

4. a. What brought fear to King Ahaz?

 b. Why do you think that kind of news upsets us so much?

5. a. God sent Isaiah and his son Shear-Jashub with a message to Ahaz. What was God’s encouragement in vs. 4?

 b. What was the future of Ephraim?

6. a. Fill in: If you do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 b. According to these Scriptures, how is faith . . .

 . . . obtained? Romans 10:17

 . . . indispensable? Hebrews 11:6

 . . . rewarded? John 11:25

 c. In what current circumstances do you need to “stand firm in your faith?” Please share.

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 7:10-25

7. a. What did the Lord tell Ahaz to do?

 b. How did Ahaz reply?

 c. That may sound like a pious response, but it was disobedience to the Lord’s command. Turn to 2 Kings 16:1-9 and read the passage. Instead of placing faith in God to withstand the attack, whom did Ahaz rely on?

8. a. God Himself declared the sign of His faithfulness to the house of David. What was it in Isaiah 7:14?

 b. How was it fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25?

9. As a result of Ahaz’s choice . . .

 a. the Lord would use the King of Assyria as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (vs. 20)

 b. the land would be covered with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (vs. 24)

10. Near-term – punishment. Long-term – a promise. How do you think both show God’s character?

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 8:1-10

11. Isaiah called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as witnesses to the Lord’s revelation that he would have a son whose name would mean “quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil.” (of prophetic importance)

12. Of what significance would the birth of Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz be to the prophecy concerning the king of Assyria?

13. Because the people rejected God, they would be conquered.

 a. The coming judgment was likened to what in vs. 5-8?

 b. There was no need to resist what was to come. Why?

 c. Does this sound like a hopeless situation? What do you learn from Psalm 81:11-14?

 d. What application can you make for yourself or the world around us today?

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 8:11-22

14. In Vs. 11-13, what was Isaiah told not to do?

 . . . to do?

15. What would the Lord be for both houses of Israel?

16. a. Isaiah affirmed his faith in God and the fact that he and his family were what?

 b. How did David express faith in God in Psalm 4:3?

 c. Christians are set apart . . . a sign and symbol in the lost and dying world. How according to 2 Corinthians 2:14-16?

17. a. Consider vs. 19. Why do you think people turn to the occult?

 b. How does God feel about that in these Scriptures?

 Leviticus 19:31

 Leviticus 20:6

 Galatians 5:19-21

18. The true prophet always directs people to the Word of God.

 a. What did Isaiah declare in vs. 20?

 b. What do you learn in Acts 17:11?

 c. What do you think is the value of having Scripture as a standard?

19. Describe the judgment in vs. 21-22.

20. Summarize this lesson:

 The predicaments of Ahaz

 The predictions of God

 The priorities of Isaiah