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The Gospel in Isaiah

Bible study and group discussions

Study 1. Waiting on God (*Tuesday*)

Read Is 40

1. Why is Isaiah 40-66 called the Book of Comfort?
2. How does God comfort His people? Read this comfort in the context of v2.
3. Who is v3 speaking about? How did John the Baptist prepare the way for the Lord?
4. How has Jerusalem's sins been paid for? Read Is 53:1-9 for an explanation.
5. Read v6-8. Why does Isaiah start his gospel with the frailty of man? Compare this to how Paul starts His gospel in Rom 1-3.
6. Read v11. How does the role of the Lord as a Shepherd comfort His people?
7. The words, 'behold your God,' in v9, form the central truth to Ch 40. Why is it important for us to know who our God is? Consider Ps 91:14-16 & Dan 11:32
8. What does it mean to, 'wait on the Lord?' Read v31.
9. Prayer gives us endurance. Read v31b. Discuss the importance of endurance in the light of Jesus words in Mt 24:31.
10. Read v25. Why is idolatry so offensive to God?

Study 2

The Suffering Servant (*Wednesday*)

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12

1. Why do the NT writers regard Is 53 as one of the most important chapter in the Bible?
2. In the light of Is 53 can you explain 2 Cor 5:21
3. v4 – how did the people misjudge the Servant's death?
4. How would you explain to an unbeliever the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ?
5. v4 tells us that the human condition is one of grief and sorrows. How did this come about?
6. Explain the essence of redemption.
7. Explain penal substitution.
8. How do you understand limited atonement in the light of the words in v5a, 'He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him?'
9. What is this peace referring to? Read Rom 5:1.
10. 'By His stripes we are healed.' Does this mean that I never have to be sick? What is this healing referring to?

Study 3
God's Pardon (Thursday)

Read Isaiah 55:1-7

1. Define pardon.
2. Define mercy.
3. The Gospel declares that any person who comes to Jesus will never be refused. Why is this and discuss your answer in the light of Jn 6:37.
4. Explain repentance. Look at Is 55:6-7; seek – forsake – turn
5. ‘He will abundantly pardon,’ literally reads, ‘He will multiply to pardon.’ Can you explain the grounds on which God legitimately pardons?
6. What does James mean when he says in Ja 2:13, ‘that mercy triumphs over judgment?’
7. As Reformed people do we have a burden for the lost and perishing? What motivates you to tell people the Gospel? How often do you share the Gospel?
8. Discuss Rom 5:20, ‘where sin abounded grace abounded much more.’
9. What is hyper-Calvinism?
- 10 Can you explain the difference between the ‘external call’ and ‘effectual call?’ Read Jn 6:44 and discuss.
11. God’s ‘whosoever’ includes every penitent sinner. Is this true or false? Read Jn 5:24.
12. What makes a thirsty person come to the Lord for salvation? Read Jn 7:37-39.

Study 4
God's purpose in Salvation (Friday)

Read Is 55:8-11

1. What does this section have to do with God's pardon? Discuss the conjunction, 'for' in v10a and v12a
2. What are God's ways and thoughts being mentioned here in our text?
3. Are God's ways and thoughts spoken of here accessible to the sinner? Read and discuss Dt 30:11-14.
4. If the unbeliever is spiritually dead, then how does God make them alive?
5. What do you understand by regeneration?
6. How does v11c, 'My word shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it,' clash with Arminian teaching?
7. Can you explain the order of salvation? Read Rom 8:30.
8. What is v12-13 referring to? Can you explain creation's role in our salvation?
9. Read Rom 8:18-25 and discuss.
10. Joy and peace. In what way are they associated with salvation?
11. The unsaved Israelite can't respond to God's salvation from themselves. So how does God save His people?
12. What do you think 'it' is in v13b, 'and it shall be to the Lord for a name,' is speaking about?