

ISAIAH: JUDGMENT AND HOPE

24. Isaiah 30-31

Jerusalem Rebuked and Defended

CHECK OUT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS from pastor Travis, pastor John, pastor Chris and pastor Justin

Pastor Travis

- 1.** What do you think it means we have become a new creation in Christ Jesus?

- 2.** How have you seen Jesus making you a new person?

- 3.** Is there a time or a situation that comes up where seek tend to seek to rely on yourself more than you do God?

- 4.** Is there a time or a situation that comes up where you tend to have self-preservation rather than relying on God and trusting God?

- 5.** During this unique time, wherein are you struggle with either vertical Independence or Self-Preservation?

- 6.** When is it difficult for you to trust and obey God?
{Commit these things to prayer as a family or with your roommates}

- 7.** Of the five ways, trust looks like which is the most difficult for you?

Pastor John

1. Are there any areas in your life where one sinful or stubborn decision has been made that led to another, and another? There comes a point when you may even feel there's no right way to get back on track. What can you do in light of tonight's study and our Heavenly Father's desire to redirect you?

2. Is the course of your life, career, education/children's education, marital/dating status, or just the free time over the weekend your plan or God's? How can you be sure?

3. How do you seek the Lord and ensure it's Him you're hearing from and not just your emotions or will?

Pastor Chris

1. Do you have difficulty having compassion on the needs of others? Do you struggle to feel empathy for those less fortunate, those who struggle, those who have needs that you yourself do not have? Do you have a generous heart at this time, or are you only thinking about your own security and needs? Pastor Richard said that Jesus sought to preserve us at His expense. What kind of operating system are you running? Read Matthew 10:45 and respond:

2. Israel was placing their trust in Egypt, but she would prove to be a paper tiger, the promise of provision with no power to provide. What have you been placing your trust in? Have you found that it does not hold you up the way you thought? What should you do now in response? Where should you go for help?

3. Respond to this quote by G.K. Chesterton. What does it mean to you? Is there any truth to this in your life? *"The danger of the modern world is that we want a religion that agrees with us when we need a religion that disagrees with us."*

4. Are you having trouble hearing from God? Pastor Richard told us that God is actively involved in leading His people -- a freshly humble, freshly repentant people who are listening - they will hear God. If you are having trouble hearing, perhaps there is repentance that needs to take place. Perhaps you need to

humble yourself before the Lord and ask for forgiveness; and then wait on Him -- Be still and know that He is God (Ps. 46:10). Do that now.

Pastor Justin

1. We saw tonight that when God saves an individual, the nature and desires of the person are transformed. What has God transformed within you? What still needs to be transformed?

2. Pastor Richard shared how trusting God produces many things. Returning to God and His ways, rest, quietness, confidence, and strength. Which of these aspects of trust are you thankful for?

3. Because God is actively involved in leading His people, what are you looking to the LORD for direction in?