BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 28, 2024

Memory Passage: Isaiah 60:1–3

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Passage: Isaiah 60:1–22

- (a) **Read Is 60:1–22**. Chapters 60–62 describe the pinnacle of the fruit produced by Suffering Servant's work. Recall what you learned in Chapter 59 and explain how 60:1–3 connects to Chapter 59.
- (b) To whom does this chapter speak (note: all the 2nd person pronouns in Chapter 60 are feminine singular)?
- (c) Explain the various ways "light" and related words are used in vs. 1–3 and explain the theology taught by these uses.
- (d) Where have you seen the images in vs. 1–3 previously in Isaiah? Where do they appear in the NT (you should at least find parallels in Matthew, John, Ephesians, and Revelation!)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Is 60:1–22**. In vs. 4–9, what will be brought to God's people, who will bring them, how will God's people respond, and for what purpose?
- (b) Summarize the theology of vs. 4–9 in one sentence, including when these promises were or will be fulfilled.
- (c) How should the nations respond to God's people, how will they demonstrate this response, and what consequences await those who refuse to respond (vs. 10–14)?
- (d) What do vs. 11 and 14 reveal about the state of the "City of Yahweh" (v. 14)

DAY 3 - ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Is 60:1–22**. How many reversals can you see in vs. 15–22?
- (b) Explain what will be changed in v. 15.
- (c) What does the imagery in v. 16 convey about God's people, the nations, and God himself?
- (d) How will Jerusalem be changed in vs. 17–18 as a result of the Messiah's work?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is 60:1–22**. What theological truths are conveyed in vs. 19–20, and when will they become a complete reality (see Rev 21:23; 22:5)?

- (b) In v. 21, who makes up "Your people," how can they "all be righteous," what land will they possess forever, and for what purpose?
- (c) Who are the "least" and "smallest," and in what way do they become "a clan" and "a mighty nation" (v. 22)?
- (d) What does vs. 22c, d tell us about the author of these blessings?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is 60:1–22.** "Glory" and "beauty" are prominent themes in this chapter ("beauty" is another form of "glory"). What do you learn about God's person and work from each of the nine occurrences of these related Hebrew words (vs. 1, 2, 7, 9, 13, 19, and 21)?
- (b) In what way does Chapter 60 address those coming out of Babylonian captivity, and how should they have responded?
- (c) In what way does Chapter 60 apply to you, and how should you respond? Write down at least five applications you will pursue in the coming days.
- (d) What evidence do you find in this chapter that informs you about when the promises will be fully realized?

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Soli Deo Gloria!