BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 14, 2024

Memory Passage: Isaiah 66:13–14

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

- (a) Read Is 65:1–24. Summarize what you learned last week while studying Is 66:1–9.
- (b) To whom does Yahweh speak in v. 10, and what does he tell them to do?
- (c) For what purpose does he tell them to rejoice (v. 11)?
- (d) On what basis does he invite them to be satisfied (vs. 12–14b)? Explain the mother and child metaphor used in 11–14b.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

- (a) **Read Is 66:10–24**. How does v. 14 function in this chapter?
- (b) Which verses in 14–24 refer to Christ's first coming, his second coming, the time between his first and second comings, and the eternal state? Explain your answer.
- (c) Verses 15, 16, 18, and 22 begin with "For." Explain how this conjunction functions in each verse.
- (d) What do you learn about Yahweh's promised judgment of his enemies from vs. 15–16?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

- (a) **Read Is 66:10–24**. In v. 17, explain what these enemies of Yahweh are doing, what it reveals about their hearts, and how it proves they are word ignorers (vs. 3–4) worthy of Yahweh's wrath (vs. 15–16).
- (b) The first line of v. 18 is difficult to understand. A literal reading is, "And I, their works and their thoughts, am coming." It contains no verb after "I," and most translations add "know" to help clarify. Who will Yahweh gather, and what will they see? When will this happen?
- (c) Though the text doesn't tell us, what might the sign be that Yahweh sets among the nations? On what basis do you suggest your answer?
- (d) Who are the survivors, what have they survived, and what is their mission (vs. 18–19)?

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DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Is 66:10–24**. Explain v. 21, why it would have shocked Israelites, and how it is ultimately fulfilled.
- (b) Explain the goal of Yahweh's work (vs. 22–23). How does this overcome the deficiencies of his people described at the beginning of Isaiah (1:13–15)?
- (c) What does v. 24 tell you about the extent and duration of Yahweh's final judgment?
- (d) Though the text doesn't tell us, how do you answer this Good (Powerful) Question (see Dig and Discover Principle #2): "Why do Yahweh's redeemed people 'go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me?""

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Is 66:1–24. What does this chapter reveal about Yahweh's character and work?
- (b) In what ways does this chapter reveal Christ and his work?
- (c) How are the truths in chapter 66 fulfilled in Christ and his church?
- (d) In what ways does this chapter cause you to repent? To worship? In what ways are you challenged to reprioritize your life? In what ways are you encouraged in your obedience?

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Salvation and Judgment