

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 24, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 5:1-7

Memory Passage: Isaiah 5:7

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Isaiah 5:1-7.** Read 5:1-7 several times, taking note of repeated phrases, shifts in speaker, changes in topic, genre, etc.

(b) State the main idea of these verses in one sentence.

(c) Make an outline of these verses that supports the main idea.

(d) Write down any good questions you have concerning 5:1-7.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 5:1-7.** Who is Isaiah's "beloved," and why does he sing a "love song" about his beloved's vineyard?

(b) What all has Isaiah's beloved done to ensure the fruitfulness of his vineyard (v. 2a, b)?

(c) What kind of grapes were expected, and what kind of grapes were produced?

(d) At the end of v. 2, what would Isaiah's audience have thought about the vineyard? About the vineyard owner?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 5:1-7.** What shift happens in Isaiah's speech in v. 3, and why is this important?

(b) Imagine yourself as part of the audience hearing Isaiah speak this parable. How would you answer the two questions posed in v. 4? Can you imagine the audience getting rather vocal at this point of the parable and shouting out answers?

(c) By the time Isaiah gets to v. 5, what would the audience think about the owner's actions? Would they approve? Would they disapprove? Would they think he had the right and the reason to make these judgments? Explain your answer.

(d) What four actions will the owner take against his vineyard (marked out by the four "I will" statements), and what consequences will follow ("I will . . . and . . .")?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 5:1-7.** Verse 7 clearly reveals the identity of the vineyard. At what point do you think Isaiah's hearers realized he was speaking about them and their disobedience to Yahweh? What statement should have given it away before v. 7?

(b) Why do you think Isaiah switches back to 3rd person in v. 7 (he, him)?

(c) On what basis can Isaiah say Yahweh thought of His people as "his pleasant planting?"

(d) According to v. 7, what good fruit did Yahweh expect, and what bad fruit did He get?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Is. 5:1-7.** Usually, we would ask about the response Isaiah expected from his original audience before we jump to our own application. However, vs. 8-12 and 18-23 itemize the bad fruit of Jerusalem using 6 "woe" statements which we'll cover next week. So today, we'll apply vs. 1-7 to ourselves prior to examining Jerusalem.

(b) In what ways has God "planted" you in order to expect good fruit from your life? Be specific, and consider all of the benefits of salvation provided to you through the person and work of Christ.

(c) What bad fruit are you repenting of? What has replaced the justice and righteousness (v. 7) God expects to find, and what are you doing about returning to justice and righteousness in these areas?

(d) In what ways would your family and your church benefit from your true repentance in these areas, repentance that leads to the good fruit God expects because of His pleasant planting of your spiritual life?

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Yahweh's Vineyard