

1. Why is it essential we connect the meaning of Isaiah’s name to the message of his book? What happens if we don’t?
2. Read Isaiah 1:1. What does it mean when a prophet has a vision? What has he seen?
3. Read 2 Kings 15:3-5; 16:1-8; 18:13-16. What was going on in Judah during the time of Isaiah? Why was God so angry with them? Who did they turn to when they needed help?
4. Take a moment to do some honest reflection. In what ways do you behave as the kings of Judah? Where do you turn when you have problems? What corrupt powers do you allow to speak into your heart? What are the ways you disconnect how you live from the commandments of God?
5. Read Isaiah 1:4. How do you “excuse” your sinful habits and choices? How do you feel when God equate your sinfulness to “despising him”? Why is sinning despising God?
6. Read Isaiah 1:7-8. What parts of your life are broken? What situations do you live with that are painful and or unfair? What happens to you that makes you feel helpless and victimized? How do you reconcile your situation with God’s goodness?
7. Read Isaiah 1:11-17. Explain what God is condemning in Judah. What do you think God would say about your practices of worshipping? What do you think he would say to CCCC as a whole?
8. Read Isaiah 1:17. What is God inviting us to do? Why would “reasoning” with God change us and not God?
9. Read Isaiah 1:21-27. What two choices do we have for our sin? What does God promise to do for those who repent?
10. Pray that God will give us humble hearts, and that we will allow the message of Isaiah to convict us of sin and turn to God. Pray that we will not hide from the truth or minimize the truth of our sin, but that we will face it and therefore rejoice at the mercy and grace of God.