

Seeking Stability

Revive and Restore Series

Discussion Questions

- **What do people look to for stability in their life?**
 - Why do you think they choose these different things? What factors into their decision-making?
 - What are the claims these areas may make (e.g., marriage, money, job) concerning security and stability?

- **Read Isaiah 28:1-6**
 - How does the prophet portray the nation of Israel (including Samaria/Ephraim)?
 - Based on the sermon, what had Israel done that angered God?
 - How do we see hope even for Israel in vv. 5-6?

- **Read Isaiah 28:7-8**
 - Isaiah turns to his own nation of Judah, how does he see a parallel with them and their neighbors Israel?
 - Who was Judah's leadership trying to arrange protection with from the powerful Assyrians? Why was this somewhat ironic?
 - In vv. 9-10, the leaders of Judah mock Isaiah's warning. What is Isaiah's response in vv. 11-13? What is the aim of God bringing the Assyrians?

- **Read Isaiah 28:14-23.**
 - In the middle of Isaiah's rebuke of Judah's strategy for stability, what does God say about himself as it concerns the security of his people in vv. 16-17?
 - What stands out to you about how God describes himself? Why does he use the terms he does about himself?
 - Read v. 23. What is Isaiah's goal for this entire message? What would repentance for Judah look like?

- **Yancey said that Isaiah reminds us that we need to find our stability and rest in God and fight the impulse to outsource our peace with lesser strategies. Why is this such a challenge for some believers?**
 - How is Jesus pictured in Acts 4:10-12? How does Peter see Jesus in light of Isaiah's words centuries earlier?
 - Why should followers of Jesus be all the more assured of God's foundation in our lives because of the gospel?
 - Yancey said that part of reason some believers don't seek God as their stability is because they don't know God very well. Do you agree or disagree? What should we know about God in Christ that gives us confidence that he ultimately is our stability?
 - What part of the Growth Grid highlight this truth and why?
 - How can our small group encourage each other to seek our stability in Jesus?