Home Small Group Lesson God Repays the Wicked Isaiah 13-14

Start It Up

• Opening Icebreaker:

*Describe a sporting event or childhood memory where someone was being taunted? Was it playful? Was it mean? What do you recall about the person who was taunting?

Talk it Over

• Sermon in a Sentence:

God will repay the wicked, (Isaiah 13)
...and grant relief to His people - (Isaiah 14:1-23)
- Guaranteed! (Isaiah 14:24-27)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- Isaiah 13 describes the judgment of God's enemies. Very scary stuff! Look at some of the phrases from a purely emotional level. How does the judgment of God make you feel? How does it feel knowing that some people will experience His judgment? How does it feel knowing you are "in Christ"?
- One of the key verses is Isaiah 14:3 where God rescues His people and they raise up in victorious celebration, taunting the enemy. Pastor Craig briefly summarized 4 reasons we have to celebrate in triumph. Which one comforts you the most and why?

Justice is delivered. (14:5)
Peace is restored. (14:7)
Death is defeated. (14:11)
Satan is conquered. (14:12-15)

• God gives a divine GUARANTEE that he will accomplish His plan in history. Read Isaiah 14:24-27 and apply it to what we are facing in our world today. How does this comfort? What one thing are you most confused about God's plan right now? Where does it seem that His plan is not working?

Pray it Over:

- Begin with praise that we are not under God's judgment, but have received mercy through Christ.
- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7. Give thanks to God for His judgment of enemies and also that He grants relief for His people.
- Pray over Isaiah 14:7 that the whole earth would experience "peace and quiet". (If your group is bold enough, sing a song/chorus of celebration together, such as: "He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord…")
- Pray for God's justice in the world. And yield your heart to His plan in history.