



## **Take It Deeper //**

### **“Let’s Remember the Gospel”**

*Here's a life group guide based on the sermon about Isaiah and remembering the gospel.*

#### **Opening Question:**

Share a time when you received good news that changed your life. How did it impact you?

#### **Key Takeaways:**

1. Isaiah received both bad news and good news from God to share with His people.
2. The book of Isaiah is known as the "fifth gospel" and clearly explains the gospel message.
3. God is holy, but we are not. Our sin requires punishment.
4. The good news is that God offers grace to those who repent and sent Jesus as our Savior.
5. Jesus came from heaven, died for our sins, rose again, is preparing a place for us, and will return.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think it's important to understand both the "bad news" and "good news" of the gospel?
2. Isaiah 6:1-3 describes Isaiah's vision of God's holiness. How does recognizing God's holiness impact our view of ourselves and our need for a Savior?

3. The sermon mentioned five aspects of the good news from Isaiah's prophecies. Which of these resonates most with you and why?

- a. God gives grace to repentant sinners
- b. Jesus came from heaven to earth
- c. Jesus died to pay for our sins
- d. Jesus rose from the dead
- e. Jesus is preparing a place for us and will return

4. How does understanding that Isaiah prophesied about Jesus 650 years before His birth strengthen your faith?

5. Pastor DC challenged everyone to be "an Isaiah in our generation." What do you think this means practically in your life?

### **Practical Applications:**

1. Memorize one key verse from Isaiah that summarizes an aspect of the gospel (e.g., Isaiah 53:5 or Isaiah 9:6).

2. Practice explaining the gospel using the symbols on the bracelet mentioned in the sermon. Role-play with a partner in the group.

3. Identify one person you can share the gospel with this week. Commit to praying for an opportunity to have that conversation.

4. Reflect on areas of your life where you may need to "let certain things die" so you can see God more clearly, as Isaiah did when King Uzziah died.

**Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the sermon transcription:**

## Day 1: Encountering God's Holiness

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Devotional: Isaiah's vision of God's throne room reminds us of the awe-inspiring holiness of our Creator. When we truly encounter God's presence, we become acutely aware of our own shortcomings and need for grace. Like Isaiah, we may feel undone, but God doesn't leave us in that state. He cleanses us and calls us to serve Him. Today, reflect on God's holiness and your response to it. How can you cultivate a deeper reverence for God in your daily life? Ask God to purify your heart and renew your commitment to His service.

## Day 2: The Promise of Emmanuel

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, Matthew 1:18-23

Devotional: Centuries before Jesus' birth, Isaiah prophesied about Emmanuel - "God with us." This promise finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who bridged the gap between heaven and earth. In a world that often feels chaotic and lonely, we have the assurance that God is not distant, but intimately present with us. How does the reality of Emmanuel impact your daily life? Take time to acknowledge God's presence in your circumstances today, and invite Him into every aspect of your life.

## Day 3: The Suffering Servant

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

Devotional: Isaiah's vivid description of the suffering servant paints a poignant picture of Christ's sacrifice for us. This prophecy, fulfilled in Jesus, reveals the depths of God's love and the extent He was willing to go to reconcile us to Himself. As you meditate on this passage, consider the personal nature of Christ's sacrifice. He bore your sins, carried your sorrows, and was wounded for your transgressions. How does this profound truth shape your understanding of God's love and your response to it? Express your gratitude to God for His immeasurable gift of salvation.

## Day 4: Hope in the Midst of Trials

Reading: Isaiah 40:27-31

Devotional: Life's challenges can often leave us feeling weary and discouraged. Yet, Isaiah reminds us that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. This promise isn't just about physical endurance, but spiritual resilience in the face of adversity. God doesn't always remove our trials, but He promises to sustain us through them. Reflect on a current struggle in your life. How can you actively place your hope in God amidst this situation? Ask God to renew your strength and help you soar on wings like eagles, rising above your circumstances with His perspective.

## Day 5: The Promise of Restoration

Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Devotional: Isaiah's vision of a new heaven and new earth offers hope beyond our current reality. It points to God's ultimate plan of restoration, where pain, suffering, and death will be no more. This promise reminds us that our present struggles are temporary in light of eternity. How does this eternal perspective change the way you view your current circumstances? Allow this hope to infuse your daily life with joy and purpose. Pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, starting with your own life and sphere of influence.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for the good news of the gospel. Ask for courage and opportunities to share this message with others in the coming week.