

## Message Discussion Questions

6/11/2023

WEEK:#4

SERIES: Jesus Story: Isaiah

**MESSAGE:** Selfishly About You

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

## CENTRAL TEXT/S: Isaiah 7

**CHECKING IN:** How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS:** Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

- 1. We all have different images or thoughts about the word humility. How do you define humility? Why is humility rarely practiced in today's society? What are some ways Jesus modeled it for us?
- 2. Who are 2-3 people in your life whom you consider to be humble—people who demonstrate humility in a positive way. Why do you consider them as humble people and what are some significant ways those individuals have influenced your life?
- 3. Read Isaiah 7:14. Describe how this truth that Jesus is "God is with us" makes you feel. Why is this truth so important for us today?
- 4. Jesus is 100% God and 100% human. Read Hebrews 1:2-3. What are some "100% human" characteristics that are hard for you to believe Jesus experienced or expressed? Do these human characteristics help you or do they make it difficult for you to relate to Jesus as the Son of God? Please explain.
- 5. Was Jesus present at creation? Why or why not? After your group discusses this answer...Read Colossians 1:16. How might this verse shape or reshape your answer? How does this truth reveal Jesus' as 100% God?
- 6. Read John 17:18 How do you interpret this verse? How does this verse speak of living incarnationally? What would be one example of you living incarnationally?
- 7. Looking at John 17:18 again: Jesus didn't ask God to take believers out of the world but instead to send us into the messiness of the world. Who are people you have a difficult time being a "traced picture of Jesus"? What makes them difficult for you? How do you navigate the difficulty?
- 8. Read Philippians 2:3-5. What godly characteristics or attitudes would you like to "trace" your life after so it looks more like Jesus? I.e. His gentleness, kindness, etc. Try to be specific.
- 9. Where do you have an opportunity this week to live incarnationally? As a group pray for boldness, gentleness, humility and specific ways to be Jesus (Incarnational) within your life context.

**TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is <u>one</u> action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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**WANT TO GROW DEEPER?** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to **canvas.church/experience-god** or *Experience God* on the App.



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## **GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:**

- Prayer Question: "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- Ask: What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- Ask if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church