DGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



"A Prophetic Message to the American Church" (From Isaiah 8) Pastor Bryan James September 10, 2023

WELCOME What is something you once feared but overcame?

WORSHIP "In Christ Alone" – Kristian Stanfill

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHDz2GlgSYk

WORD <u>Isaiah 8</u>

1. What stood out to you the most in the message and why?

2. Read Isaiah 8:1-10.

- Observe the historical context of Isaiah's prophecy. Who are the characters and what is happening at that time in history?
- o In the parallel drawn by Pastor Bryan: Who is Judah? Who is Israel? Who is Syria? And who is Assyria?
- What is the war that is raging all around us today? Share some examples Pastor Bryan used and other examples you also see.

3. Read Isaiah 8:11-18.

- What is God saying about conspiracy, fear, and dread? Who and what should we truly fear?
- Do you agree/disagree with the information/insight/knowledge shared in this message? Why or why not?

4. Read Isaiah 8:19-22.

- What is the warning and wisdom God is giving in these verses regarding interpreting the times and how to respond?
- What are the nuggets of practical wisdom for what to do that was shared? Do you agree or disagree - why or why not?

WITNESS Read Philippians 4:5-7. Consider the *peace* we have as the children of God who are now in Christ. There will be opportunities presented to discuss current times with unbelievers and remember these Scriptures and the peace and perspective that comes from the God of Hope. May your peaceful countenance and wisdom be a reflection and witness to His goodness and grace.