

The Word of the Lord Stands Forever

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of the Lord stands forever

Opening Prayer:

Please take time to pray as a group. Pray for our church, for the kingdom, for one another, and for anything else that God lays on your heart. Also, ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Key Scripture: Isaiah 28-35

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the main issues Isaiah addressed with Israel and Judah? How do you see similar spiritual challenges in our society today?
2. The sermon mentioned "lip service believers" in Judah. What does this mean, and how can we avoid falling into this trap in our own spiritual lives?
3. How does the farming analogy (plowing, sowing, harvesting) relate to our spiritual growth? What does this teach us about developing spiritual maturity?
4. Pastor Joel warned against relying on political solutions for spiritual problems. How can we balance being engaged citizens while keeping our primary trust in God?
5. What does it mean that God always preserves a remnant? How does this encourage you in your faith journey?

Key Takeaways:

1. Spiritual drift can manifest as excessive indulgence (like Israel's drunkenness) or religious formality without heart engagement (like Judah).
2. Regular engagement with God's Word is crucial for spiritual health and growth.
3. True security comes from trusting in God, not political alliances or human strength.
4. God is patient and merciful, always ready to restore those who turn back to Him.

Practical Applications:

1. Develop a daily Bible reading habit. Start with 10-15 minutes a day if you're not currently reading regularly.

2. Reflect on areas where you might be going through religious motions without heart engagement. Pray for renewed passion in your relationship with God.
3. Evaluate your sources of security and trust. Are you relying more on worldly solutions or on God?
4. Pray for spiritual revival, both personally and for your community/nation.
5. Consider ways you can plant God's Word deeper in your heart this week (e.g., memorization, journaling, discussing with others).

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His patience and mercy. Ask for His help in applying the lessons learned and growing closer to Him.