

## **A New Testament Response to Isaiah**

Practical action steps for Christian Living

### **Opening Prayer & Introduction**

As you begin your group meeting this week, begin by asking the Lord to bring a recall of the things that we discussed at church on Sunday. Pray that as Christians, we would find wonderful rest in God's grace, while also desiring to live out our faith with obedience to the Lord.

### **Key Takeaway**

*We are eternal beings with temporary bodies. Living with an eternal perspective transforms how we view challenges, possessions, and our mission to share the gospel.*

### **Key Ideas**

This final message in the Isaiah series focused on three practical action steps for Christian living:

- We need an urgency about seeking the Lord
- Men should lean on the authority of God's Word
- Men should live their present lives with an eternal perspective

### **Discussion Questions**

1. The sermon mentioned seven attitudes that hinder urgency for God (self-sufficiency, complacency, skepticism, pleasure-seeking, fear of judgment, religious routine, and despair). Which of these have you struggled with personally?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your sense of urgency about spiritual matters? What contributes to that rating?
3. We live in a "there's always tomorrow" culture. How does this mindset affect our spiritual lives? What are practical ways to combat spiritual complacency?
4. The sermon emphasized that "no one is too far gone for God." Why is this message both comforting and challenging? How can we extend this hope to others?
5. The sermon outlined four purposes of Scripture. Share an example of when God's Word functioned in one of these ways in your life.

- a. Teaching (knowing what's right)
  - b. Reproof (knowing what's not right)
  - c. Correction (how to get right)
  - d. Training (how to stay right)
6. Pastor Joel said, "The Bible is one of those books that once you start reading it, it gives you the appetite to read it." Have you experienced this? What helped you develop (or what's preventing you from developing) an appetite for God's Word?
7. The sermon mentioned that an eternal perspective keeps us from getting caught up in "the shiny objects of the world." What "shiny objects" most easily distract you from eternal priorities? (Examples: social media validation, material possessions, career advancement, etc.)
8. Why do you think Christians are often uncomfortable talking about hell? Is it more loving to avoid the topic or to speak the truth about eternal consequences? Explain your reasoning.

### **Practical Applications**

- Urgency: Is there an attitude (self-sufficiency, complacency, etc.) that I need to confess and turn from today?
- God's Word: What is one specific, measurable commitment I will make this week regarding Bible reading? (Example: "I will read one chapter of the Gospel of John each morning before checking my phone.")
- Eternal Perspective: Who is one person I need to share the gospel with? When will I reach out to them?

### **Closing Prayer**

Consider these prayer prompts as you close the group. Divine into groups of two or three.

1. Confession: Ask God to reveal any attitudes hindering spiritual urgency
2. Commitment: Pray for discipline and desire to be in God's Word daily
3. Compassion: Pray for specific people who need to hear the gospel
4. Courage: Ask God for boldness to live with an eternal perspective in a temporary-minded world