

## Getting To Know You

1. Who is your favorite Prophet? Why?
2. What is something you say or do, that you wouldn't have said or done 5-6 months ago? Explain.
3. Max Lucado said, "Though the Bible was written over sixteen centuries by at least forty authors, it has one central theme – salvation through faith in Christ." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Matthew Henry said, "None are ruined by the justice of God but those that hate to be reformed by the grace of God." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## Digging Deeper

1. What is your understanding of the prophets? What was their primary purpose? Do they exist today? Explain.

To whom are the O.T. prophets directed to? What was God's intent behind them? What is the application for us today?

In what ways do the prophets have both an immediate (directed to their time, place, and people) and a futuristic (wasn't completely fulfilled at the time) application?

2. What does Isaiah mean? What was the purpose of the book? When did Isaiah prophesy? Who was his primary audience? What was going on with Israel (ten northern tribes) at the time? Judah (two southern tribes)? What nation was God going to use to bring calamity upon Israel? Why was judgment being rendered? Who were the Assyrians?
3. What are some of the text or verses that come to mind when you think about the book of Isaiah? What about Isaiah 6? Isaiah 52 & 53? Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 40:31; 55:8; 61:1; 64:6? Which ones were immediate? Which ones were futuristic for Isaiah, but are historical for us? Which ones are futuristic for us? When you consider this, what comes to mind? How does this display the sovereignty and foreknowledge of God? What does that do for your faith?
4. What is the structure of book of Isaiah? What are some examples of ways that others have tried to structure it? What does the front of the book address? What is Isaiah communicating to the people? How many nations does Isaiah address? What is the purpose of this? What is God trying to bring about? How is God's holiness and sovereignty on display? What about His justice/righteousness? How are they disobeying God? How has apostasy begin to spread?

What can we learn from Isaiah's message? How can we avoid the path that Israel takes? What are the possible consequences if we don't avoid their mistakes?

5. What is the content of the back of the book? How is salvation and Christ on display? What does Isaiah predict about Jesus? What will he endure to bring about salvation? What is the day of the

Lord? How does the book end? What picture is painted? How is God's mercy and grace on display?

How does this apply to us? How does Isaiah strengthen your faith? How is the new heaven and earth described? What will we experience as a result?

What does Jewish tradition say about Isaiah's death?

#### Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?