**The Book of Isaiah**

**Structure**

**1-12: Rebellion, Judgement, and Hope for Israel**

**13-27: Judgement and Hope for the Nations**

**28-39: The Rise and Fall of Jerusalem**

**49-55 The Suffering Servant Fulfills God’s Mission**

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**56-66 The Servants Inherit God’s Kingdom**

**40-48 Announcement of Hope**

**Main Idea:** The book of Isaiah is about the judgment that is to fall upon Israel, because of her rebellion against God and infidelity to the covenants, while at the same time offering a message of hope because of God’s faithfulness in holding up his end of the deal no matter what.

**Study Questions:**

1. From Isaiah chapter one, what is it that we learn God can no longer endure? What comforting promise does God offer regarding their sins?
2. How did God use evil empires such as Assyria and Babylon to judge the evil of the world?
3. Who are the righteous remnant described throughout Isaiah? How does one become part the covenant community of Yahweh?
4. What is the significance of the statement “A shoot from Jesse”?
5. How does understanding the “suffering servant poems” shape your view of Jesus’ purpose, goals, life, ministry, death and resurrection?
6. In the Book of Isaiah, after the exile we read of Israelites rejecting God’s message of hope. Why would they do that? Would you struggle like they did to believe the promises of God on the other side of exile?
7. Has there ever been a time that God used evil for good, or to bring about something good in your life? If so, what?
8. What are some practical steps you can take to learn how to trust God even when he seems far way, or in times of doubt?
9. In what ways do you see the hand of God working in your life right now?
10. How can you be a beacon of light in your work place and in your relationships this week?