

LIFE Group Discussion Questions

Isaiah 11:1-10

Week of December 20-26, 2009

Summary: Isaiah is offering hope to a faithless and desperate nation by offering the promise of a Messiah to come from David's house. He begins to tell "the unfolding story of a competent savior who secures a glorious future for all the nations." Good news, indeed.

Discussion Questions

These questions do not to be covered exhaustively; rather, they are meant as a guide to further exploration on the various applications and observations from the text, so use what is most helpful for your group context.

1. On the walk to Emmaus, Jesus reveals how the Old Testament Scriptures speak of him – the story has been unfolding for a long time. Can you think of some passages Jesus might have been talking about?
2. Are there any situations in life now where it might be nice to know that "the story isn't over?"
3. In what ways is it encouraging to know the story is bigger than you, or me? Can you share some examples of how you have seen that at work?
4. Isaiah 11:2-5 list the qualities and actions of the Messiah. Which are most comforting to you; which do you have questions about?
5. "Salvation is not just spiritual and future; it is physical and present." How so, and what difference does that make?
6. The promise of future reconciliation in verses 6-9 can be the grounds for present reconciliation. What does this really look like?
7. The Messiah offers hope for all the nations (v. 10) and calls us to join him in his mission. What do you need to be successful in expressing the Gospel? What keeps you from that expression?
8. Do you need to be renewed in the mission Christ has given? In the past, what has fueled that desire, and what actions do you need to take to kindle your zeal?

Rabbit Trail of the Week: How is it that Christians see the fulfillment of these prophecies in Christ and yet Jews do not?