

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Zechariah Series

These questions are for the **January 14, 2023** message, "The Glory Revealed." Please read the sermon passage (Zechariah 12:1-9) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES ASSOCIATED WITH "ON THAT DAY," NOTE . . .

1. The sudden reversal of events being described. (6)
 - a. The event of Christ's Second coming will be accompanied with volatile tensions:
 - i. The people of Judah will be 'like a blazing pot.'
 - ii. They will be 'like a flaming torch.'
 - iii. This indicates that they will be surrounded, and seemingly about to be cooked.
 - b. But in an instant, their enemies will be confused and confounded.
 - i. Judah's enemies will make erratic decisions.
 - ii. They will make foolish tactical decisions, contributing to their sudden defeat.
2. The protective shield of salvation being provided. (7-9)
 - a. God's gracious salvation will make his people secure.
 - b. God's gracious salvation will be seen by all peoples.
 - c. God's all-powerful initiative will destroy Israel's enemies.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: If God can create something out of nothing, he can certainly bring something good from something bad. Take a few minutes to outline some of the bad things you see happening in the world, especially in the middle east, against the Jewish people.
2. Based on #1, above: Prophecy is meant to call God's people to be sober and to take him seriously. In what ways does "blazing pot" and "flaming torch" (6) call us to be sober-minded?
3. Based on #2, above: God's people will be subject to threats, affliction, and war, yet "on that day" the LORD will "protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem." (8) Prophecy is meant to call God's people to trust him and wait for his salvation. How does knowing about both the coming threats and the coming salvation strengthen your faith and resolve?
4. Based on #2, above: Salvation and deliverance come from grace: God gives us kindness and help that we do not deserve and could never earn. The future for all who trust the LORD is full of grace, protection, deliverance, peace and eternal life. How can reminding ourselves of this future make us more faithful / effective witnesses now?