

Isaiah

| SEASON 1

Group Guide:
Week 4

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out.

In this guide, we will study Isaiah 19 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is something about the world or God that you didn't know, but when you found out, it blew your mind?
 - Sometimes, first impressions aren't always accurate. Share about a time you judged someone wrongly. What did you misunderstand about them?
 - Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?
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INTRODUCTION

This week we continue our survey of the book of Isaiah by studying the oracles of judgment (chapters 13-23). In these chapters, the nations become the primary focus except these oracles aren't written to the nations themselves, but to Judah about those nations. During this time, Israel was prone to trusting in false gods from other nations, but they needed to learn that their God, the one true living God, is also the Judge and Savior who rules the world.

Chapter 19 gives us a great example of this. Not only do we see God's judgment against Egypt, but we also see the transformation that comes with being in God's presence and hope. God strikes Egypt with a civil war, placing them under the submission of a cruel master, dries up their Nile showing the fragility of their economy, and sends them foolish council. Then God saves Egypt and brings peace to three formerly hostile enemies, Israel being one of them.

OBSERVATIONS *WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?*

READ: Isaiah 19

DISCUSS:

- What does God declare will happen to Egypt when He appears?
- In what ways does the judgment of God affect Egypt?
- Where in this passage do you see the "Fear of the Lord," in all His power? Where do you see the hope that this judgment brings? How do they go hand in hand?

INTERPRETATION *WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?*

DISCUSS:

- In verses 1-15 (read again if necessary), we see how pride affected Egypt. Where have you seen pride as a danger to others in the world or your own experience?
- Why do you think God's judgment was necessary to bring forth all the hope that was to come?
- What do we learn about God's character from this passage?

APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

DISCUSS:

- Take some time to ask the Lord to reveal the areas of pride in your life. How is He asking you to let go of your pride and come to him?
- In what ways has pride made you a danger to others? To yourself?
- When we look past our pride and lay it down at the foot of the cross, we get a vision of what it looks like to live for the kingdom. How does God want to use you? Who has God made you to be a mouthpiece to?

CHALLENGE!:

- Talk about what it seems God is leading you to do and go do it this week!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

As a group leader studying the book of Isaiah could feel daunting and intimidating. Please know that as your staff we are ready and available to help you in any way possible. Two resources that will be helpful are the Bible Project and the Gospel Coalitions course on Isaiah. Links to each of them are below and use them as you see fit.

[Bible Project resources on the Book of Isaiah](#)

[The Gospel Coalitions course on the Book of Isaiah](#)

PRAYER

Praise Jesus overcomes our pride with his humility and sacrificial death on the cross. Pray that Spirit would give you eyes to see your pride this week and find ways to embrace humility.