

Isaiah

| SEASON 2

Group Guide:
Week 6

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 65:17-25 and 66:18-24 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

- Do you have any future goals you're working towards?
 - 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 conclude our study of Isaiah. Here is a quick summary of the book from the Gospel Coalition (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-isaiah/>):

Isaiah stands at a turning point in the history of God's people when, after centuries of breaking their covenant relationship, God's judgment will fall upon them and, indeed, the whole world. Yet Isaiah proclaims the "good news" that God will bring his kingdom, renew all creation, and restore his people to himself. This redemption will be accomplished through a servant, who will suffer in the place of sinners that they might be forgiven and restored to God. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has begun to fulfill in a decisive way the promises of Isaiah. We await the day when Jesus returns to gather the redeemed to worship God in a new creation forever.

Today, in chapters 65 and 66, we will study this new creation, God's "new heavens and a new earth."

OBSERVATIONS *WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?*

READ: Isaiah 65:17-25 and 66:18-24

DISCUSS:

- (65:17-25) What will the “new heavens and a new earth” will look like?
- (66:18-23) What do the “survivors to the nations” do upon being sent out?
 - *****Leader’s note***** FYI: according to Leviticus 6:15, grain offering is burnt to bring a pleasing aroma to the Lord.
 - And one shall take from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering and its oil and all the frankincense that is on the grain offering and burn this as its memorial portion on the altar, a pleasing aroma to the Lord.
- (66:24) What is the eternal destiny for those who rebel against God?

INTERPRETATION *WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?*

DISCUSS:

- What does it say about God that his world (the “new heavens and a new earth”) is so different from the world that Isaiah (and we) have seen and experienced since sin entered the world?
- Why do you think God sends out “survivors to the nations”?

APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

DISCUSS:

- How does this vision and promise of God’s new heavens and new earth change the way you view your life and/or the world?
- As Christians we pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). What do you think is our role - here and now - as God brings about the new heavens and new earth?
- (from the Gospel Coalition) Has Isaiah brought new clarity to your understanding of the gospel? How so?

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 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 God for his word to us through the book of Isaiah. Praise him for his redemptive work from the beginning of creation to the glorious new creation.