

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 31, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 11:1-5

Memory Passage: Isaiah 11:1-2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 11:1-5.** How does 11:1 connect with/flow from 10:33-34?

(b) Why does Isaiah say this shoot comes “from the stump of Jesse” rather than his son, David?

(c) With whom is this branch being contrasted when we are told he will “bear fruit” (cf. 7:1-25)?

(d) What do you learn about the LORD’S branch from these passages: Is. 4:2-6; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:14-16; Zech. 3:8-10; 6:12-13)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 11:1-5.** Give a heading to describe the content of each of the following sections: 11:2-3a; 3b-5; 6-10; 11-16.

(b) What is “wisdom?” What is “understanding?” How are they different, and how are they similar?

(c) What is meant by “counsel,” and how are “counsel” and “might” related?

(d) What is “the fear of the LORD?” How will it be known that the fear of the LORD is the Messiah’s “delight?”

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 11:1-5.** Why is it important for the Holy Spirit to endow the Messiah with these six particular characteristics?

(b) Why does the Branch “not” judge by what he sees or decide by what He hears? Is that possible? Explain.

(c) Explain what it means to judge the poor “with righteousness” and decide for the meek of the earth “with equity.”

(d) Explain verses 4c & d. How do 2 Thess. 2:8, Rev. 1:6, 19:15 help you fully understand this truth?

(e) How is the rule of the Branch different from the rule of the current Davidic King Ahaz?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 11:1-5.** How is the rule of the Branch different from the rule of the current Davidic King?
- (b) How is the Branch's rule different from David, Solomon, and every king in David's line?
- (c) When was this prophecy of the Spirit of the LORD resting upon the Branch fulfilled (cf., Is. 42:1; 61:1; Luke 4:16-21)?
- (d) How does Jesus, as revealed in the NT, exercise the Spirit's endowments (Is. 11:2-3a) and reveal the effects of his promised rule (Is. 11:3b-5)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 11:1-5.** In what ways does Jesus' wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of the LORD equip and empower you to pursue your sanctification? In what ways do they inspire you to worship?
- (b) In what ways do you see Christ ruling with righteousness, equity, judgment, and faithfulness today?
- (c) How does the rule of Christ bring you encouragement and fuel your obedience as you live empowered and indwelt by His holy Spirit on mission for Him?
- (d) Is your "delight . . . in the fear of the LORD? In what ways might you pursue Christ differently, obey Him more faithfully, or crucify sin more diligently so that your delight in the fear of Christ grows in the upcoming week?

DATE: July 31, 2022**PASSAGE: Isaiah 11:1-5*****The Branch: His Origin, Endowments, and Rule***