

FORESHADOW

Community Group Discussion Guide
Sunday, May 8, 2016

"Jesus Our Hope"
Isaiah 11:1-10

Introduction

In this three-part series we'll explore, from the Old Testament, three different facets that foreshadow the role of Jesus Christ as "our Lover", "our Hope" and "our Savior". The book of Hosea gives us an incredible picture of God's endless pursuit of His people not contingent on their response to Him. Read Isaiah 7:1-8:4 and Isaiah 8:19-9:7 before answering the questions.



This week's readings:
(May 9-May 14)

Mon - Isaiah 18-22
Tues - Isaiah 23-27
Wed - Isaiah 28-30
Thurs - Isaiah 31-35
Fri - Isaiah 36-41
Sat - Isaiah 42-44
Sun - Isaiah 45-48

1. How many Press Secretaries names can you remember for the last five Presidents of the United States? Write down their names.
2. What's the primary job responsibility of a Press Secretary?
3. How is a Press Secretary similar to one of God's prophets?
4. In the set of verses you just read Isaiah is speaking to King Ahaz. Read 2 Kings 16 and write down what you learn about Ahaz and his own spiritual condition.
5. In Isaiah chapter 7 Ahaz is faced with a severe threat to his own life and to the nation of Israel. What was that threat?
6. What decision is Ahaz faced with that Isaiah speaks to when the two men meet? Clue to answering this question: What did Isaiah tell Ahaz to do?
7. How is the similar to challenging times in our own lives where we're faced with the response we're going to make to what we're facing?
8. What prophecies does Isaiah give for the future in the midst of what he says to Ahaz? Clue: One has to do with the threat Ahaz is facing from Israel and Syria (Aram) and the other has to do with an event far greater that has everything to do with our own lives.
9. Extra point question... 😊 Why does God tell Isaiah to name his son Maher-Shala-Hash-Baz? Clue: It's connected to one of the above prophecies.
10. Isaiah is speaking again to Ahaz in chapter 8, verses 19-22. What does he warn Ahaz against doing?
11. In the midst of this second time Isaiah speak to Ahaz he gives him another prophecy about a future event. Read chapter 9, verses 1-7 a second time. After doing this, answer this question: Who is the prophecy about and what promise does it give to us today?