

*God of the Refugee* | Isaiah 14:28-17

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. Pastor Adam began his message by discussing the heart wrenching reality of what it means to be a refugee. Take a moment and share some of the images he shared. How would you define, or how do you understand what it means to be a refugee?
2. A refugee is someone seeking refuge, help or safety from a conflict. How may we see this in our own lives or the lives of those around us? Whether on the news or in our families, how do we see the plight of refugees getting played out before our eyes?
3. Pastor Adam took us to Isaiah 14 and began to show us how God address the needs of the refugee. Go back to Isaiah 16:6-7 and discuss, why is God allowing this? How do pride, arrogance and other such attitudes lead to struggle in our life?
4. All of us, refugee or not, have a choice to make on who we turn to for refuge and deliverance. God will allow us to make that choice and to receive the appropriate response. But it breaks Gods heart to see people suffer. Look through these verses and discuss what they tell us about God's heart for the oppressed and those seeking refuge: 14:30, 15:5, Luke 19:41-44.
5. God wants all to be saved and we are called to have the heart of Christ. With that in mind, what should our response be to those around us seeking refuge? How are we as Christians supposed engage and minister to those seeking safety and refuge from oppression? Re-read Isaiah 16:5, 17:7 and discuss what they tell us of the hope and kingdom of God.
6. All of us know people in need of rescue. All of us know someone who is struggling in life, who is overwhelmed and seeking refuge. Take a moment and share some personal favorite verses that have helped you in your difficult times. Share a bit of your situation, how the verses helped. Now, take a moment to reflect on those that might be refugees in your life today. Take some time to pray for them, pray for the Lord's provision, pray for wisdom and discernment on how to love and engage them. Pray that all may turn to God for rescue.