

God our Good Master | Isaiah 28

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. This week's message focused on the relationship between a worker and a master. Take a moment share what some of your experiences have been as someone's employee. If you are in a position of being the boss, share some thoughts on what that is like to employ others. What are the hardships and joys of your personal experience?
2. God wanted Israel to know him as a good master, and he wants the same for us today. In Isaiah 28, Pastor Jim pointed out three different things God wants to do for us today. Re-read verses 5-6, 12 and 23-26 and discuss what God is offering us.
3. Just as Israel struggled to choose what God was offering, so do people today. Before going back to the scriptures, take a moment and reflect on your own journey of faith and discuss: why is it so hard? What gets in the way?
4. Look at verses 7-10 and discuss what the responses of the Israelites say about who they serve. How are we like this today?
5. When we dismiss God's Word and his rule in our life, God responds by giving us exactly what we want, he leaves us to our own council. But why? Review the chapter and the prophet's discussion about Jesus and the cornerstone. Read Psalm 40, Hebrews 10 and recall what Pastor Jim said about these passages. Why does God being our master matter?
6. God is doing something new, He is offering a new way of life that will never end. Jesus is the model of how we are invited to live in that new life. Jesus submitted, though He was equal to God as a servant. He sought to have God's will, not his own, be done. That is what Israel was invited into as well, and what we are called to live out. The apostle Peter discuss this picture in 1 Peter 2. As you close today, look over the words of 1 Peter, share with each other the struggles and beauty of letting God be Lord of your life and pray for those that have not surrendered to Him.