

“The Offer of New Earth” | Isaiah 24-27
Sermon Discussion Questions
January 6, 2019

1. This week, Pastor Jim opened his teaching by discussing some of the biggest threats to our planet. He then took us to Isaiah 24 and discussed what the biggest threat to our world actually is. What is the connection between the calamities we see in the news today and what God says in Isaiah?
2. Isaiah 24 represents the “bad news” or the unavoidable truth for all of us. Still, with God there is always hope. Pastor Jim read from the beginning of Isaiah 25, what hope or good news did he present from the scripture?
3. Though the consequences of our sin have affected the very planet we live on, there is hope of a new heaven and a new earth. Take a moment and discuss the computer virus analogy and how it comes to represent what God is offering us.
4. In Isaiah 26, we come to realize that not everyone will enjoy this banquet. If it seems that some will experience the new heaven and new earth but some will not then the question becomes: who? What is the determining factor in all of this?
5. Isaiah 25:9 points out that those who believe and trust in the Lord for their salvation will be able to enjoy the banquet feast. The question becomes, who do we trust to make things right? How do you see people around wrestle with this very question today? How do we see it in our own families, jobs and communities?
6. The earth and all creation is the Lord’s. He has decreed that he will destroy and remake all of it. The question for all of us is whether we will allow him to restore us as well? Isaiah 26:3 promises us that if we put our trust in him and are steadfast, he will keep us in perfect peace. As you close today, pray together. Pray for God’s peace to reign over your heart and lives as you trust him through challenging times. Also, take time to pray for friends, loved ones and others who have not placed their trust in the Lord and are still trying to figure things out themselves.