

God Rescues the Hypocrite | Isaiah 30-31

Sermon Discussion Questions

2/3/19

1. Take a moment and think about the last year. What are some major decisions or choices you had to make? Think of this upcoming year and share some of the decisions or choices you might have coming up. Now share how God fits into the decision making process in your life.
2. Pastor Jim started the message by referencing a well known idea – “God helps those who help themselves.” This saying is widely accepted but what is the problem with it according to this week’s scripture and teaching?
3. Pastor Jim highlighted how the charge against Judah wasn’t the decision and choices they made but something else, what was it? Go back to Isaiah 30:1-2 and 31:1 to see. How do we see that play out in our lives today?
4. The decisions we make are often wrong in God’s eyes not because of the choice we made, but because of the manner in which we made it. If we are at the center of the equation, we miss out on the blessing of God directing our path. Why do we do this? Think back to a decision you made in the last year, what would drive you to base it all on your own understanding?
5. Though we continue to choose to go our own way, verse 18 tells us that God wants to be gracious to us. Pastor Jim highlighted 4 promises God makes. Go back to the text, verses 18-26, look back at your notes and discuss what those promises were.
6. God is longing to be gracious, he wants to help us and direct us. Think back to the last year and your decisions. Without judgment consider if you allowed God to lead you, or if were you at the center. What might God be wanting you to do with your choices and decisions this coming year?
7. As you close, take some time to prayer for each other and take time to praise God for his love and guidance. Pray for your individual journeys and for the Lord to guide and direct your paths as you rely on Him.