

The Righteous and the Wicked | Isaiah 56-57

Sermon Discussion Questions

June 30, 2019

1. Did you complete the assignment Pastor Jim gave us on June 23 to read Isaiah 56 & 57 using the strategies he laid out in his sermon? Share with your group what that was like.
2. Begin by sharing with your group anything that stood out to you from the service on Sunday- any questions you had, new insights you heard, statements that resonated with you.
3. Isaiah 56:1-8 begins with an encouragement to the righteous to continue doing what is right and welcome foreigners and outcasts. What would (or does) it look like for you to pursue righteousness by welcoming foreigners and outcasts?
4. Isaiah 56:9-12 exposes the wickedness of Israel's leaders in the ways that they are blind, ignorant, lazy, gluttonous, self-focused, and fail to speak up. Is there a relationship or season in your life where these forms of wickedness have been present?
5. Isaiah 57:1-13a then discuss the futures of the wicked and the righteous— the righteous are saved from evil in death, while the evil deeds of the wicked will be exposed. Reflect on discussions or thoughts you have had about death. More often are you/others confident of salvation in death or fearful of being exposed in death?
6. The final section of verses in Isaiah 57 talk about how God dwells with the contrite and the lowly while there will be no peace for the wicked. In your current season, do you resonate more with being humble, surrendered, broken, and remorseful or lacking peace and being restless?
7. After hearing this sermon and evaluating yourself, what does it look like for you to pursue righteousness?