

Gospel According to Isaiah: The Righteous Branch

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 11:1-16

Open It

What visual image do you associate with the concept of peace?

If you were a judge in a court of law, what information would you want to have in order to be 100 percent sure of your judgments?

What anecdotes about family reunions do you like to tell?

Explore It

Using the image of a tree cut down to a stump, what did Isaiah predict for Judah? (11:1)

What qualities did Isaiah ascribe to the Branch of Jesse? (11:2-5)

What things would characterize the unique One? (11:3-4)

What unlikely scenarios from nature were used by Isaiah to illustrate God's peace? (11:6-8)

What image is used to describe the earth? When? (11:9)

What honors did Isaiah bestow upon the Root of Jesse? (11:10)

What did God promise to do for His people a second time? (11:11)

From where will the exiles be gathered? (11:12)

What long-standing hostility will be abolished when God reclaims His remnant? (11:13)

Over what traditional enemies would the reunited Hebrews triumph? (11:14)

In what miraculous way did God promise to intervene in order for the people to return to their land? (11:15-16)

Get It

In what ways do you think Isaiah's description of Messiah impressed the people to whom he was speaking?

When Messiah sits in judgment, whom will He welcome and whom will He be against?

What do you think it would be like to live in a world where even the animal kingdom was free of conflict?

What reversal of treatment gave rise to the song of praise in Isaiah 12?

What does it mean to delight in the fear of the Lord?

What news about our God is worthy of being proclaimed throughout the world?

Apply It

What song can you choose as a particularly appropriate vehicle for your praise to God this week?

What relationship can you ask God to restore according to His will?