

## The Gospel According to Isaiah: The Coming Renewal and Revival Discussion Questions for Isaiah 60:1-22

### **Open It**

When have you had to cope with a circumstance that left you suddenly in total darkness?

What are some of the things people say and do to honor one another?

### **Explore It**

How does Isaiah's prophecy contrast the spiritual condition of the earth with that of God's redeemed people? (60:1-3)

What emotions will accompany the restoration and blessing of God's people? (60:4-6)

In this prophecy, what nations and their resources are being brought as tribute to God? (60:6-9)

How did Isaiah say that the roles would be reversed with the foreign kings who had formerly oppressed Israel? (60:10)

When His anger was past, what did God bestow on His people? (60:10)

What indications of abundance and honor are predicted for Israel? (60:11)

What did Isaiah say would happen to nations that refused to serve Israel? (60:12)

How will God's temple reflect His new relationship with His people? (60:13)

How will Israel's former oppressors refer to Jerusalem? (60:14)

What great contrast is made concerning Israel's current and future status? (60:15)

When God's people received honor from other nations, what would His people know about God? (60:16)

With what illustrations did Isaiah show that God would replace the ordinary things with the best? (60:17)

What former conditions would be replaced with Salvation and Praise? (60:18)

What will be the light in the City of God? (60:19-20)

What did Isaiah say would characterize God's people? (60:21)

What is God's perspective on the timing for accomplishing His purposes? (60:22)

### **Get It**

What would it take for "little Israel" to attain all the power and wealth described in Isaiah's prophecy?

What attribute of God's character allowed Him to reverse the fortunes of Israel?

In what sense would you say thick darkness covers our world today?

Why is it appropriate to portray God's glory in terms of light?

Why do people bring gifts to rich and powerful rulers?

Why is it encouraging for you to know that God can and does honor those who are despised in the world?

To what extent would the prophecy of "no violence, ruin, or destruction" be good news for today?

What difference does it make to you to know that you were "planted" by God?

### **Apply It**

In what way could you serve as light to your darkened world in the next few days?

For whom do you need to ask God to give you His compassion?