

Looking upon Him whom we have Pierced Discussion Questions for Zechariah 12:9-13:1

Open It

Have you ever personally mourned over anything in your life? If so, what did you mourn over? How long did you mourn?

What is the dirtiest physically you have ever felt in your life? How did you feel when you got all cleaned up?

Explore It

What will be the result of the Lord's pouring out a "spirit of grace and ... mercy" upon his people (12:10–14)?

Why do you think Zechariah emphasizes the mourning of Israel in such great detail in verses 12:10-14?

"When they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him" (Zech. 12:10). How may Israel be said to have pierced the Lord in Zechariah's day? How is this fulfilled in Jesus (see John 19:37)?

"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1). In verses 2–6, how does God describe the purification he will accomplish?

Get It

From the perspective of this passage, why are you accountable to God?

How does your personal accountability to God affect the way you relate to yourself, family, friends, or even strangers?

Zechariah 12:5 indicates that the Lord will use His deliverance of Jerusalem during the Battle of Armageddon to awaken its residents' faith in Christ. How does that coming event affect your prayers and attitudes toward Jewish people now?

Recognizing the conquering power of Christ, what areas of your life do you need to surrender and submit to Him?

The fountain that washes away the sin and impurity of Jerusalem will be opened by God's own initiative. What are some of the activities of God in the lives of individuals to bring us salvation and cleanse sin?

What are some of the manifestations of spiritual brokenness in our lives?

How does the Gospel meet us in our brokenness to make us whole? Consider this question in the areas of spiritual, emotional, mental, and relational wholeness.

Apply It

How are confession and repentance to be lived out in the life of the christian today?

How often should these times of repentance take place?

What will be the result in the life of the believer following times of repentance? (13:1)