

# **Year of Biblical Literacy Small Group Resource**

Week 8: Nov. 3rd Sermon: Jumping to Isaiah - Repentance & Restoration

## **Opening Prayer**

Begin with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

## **Ice Breaker**

Have you ever felt stuck in your life or faith? How did you overcome it?

## **Understanding the Consequences of Rebellion**

- Scripture Focus:
  - Read Isaiah 1:2-4 together as a group.
  - Discuss: "How does Isaiah describe the Israelites' rebellion against God? What are the consequences of such rebellion?"
- Reflection:
  - "In what ways might we be rebelling against God in our own lives? How can we recognize and address these areas?"

## **The Importance of Repentance**

- Scripture Focus:
  - Read Isaiah 1:11-15 together.
  - Discuss: "Why does God reject the Israelites' religious practices? What does this tell us about the heart posture God requires?"
- Application:
  - "How can we ensure that our worship and religious practices are not just external rituals but come from a heart of true devotion and obedience to God?"

## Recognizing Spiritual Stagnation

- Personal Reflection:
  - "Have you ever felt spiritually stuck or disconnected from God? What were some of the signs or feelings you experienced?"
  - "How can we maintain a rhythm of rest and Sabbath to avoid burnout and keep our hearts aligned with God's will?"
- Group Discussion:
  - "What are some common ways people get stuck in their faith or life? How can we support each other in overcoming these challenges?"

## The Call to Repentance

- Scripture Focus:
  - Read Isaiah 1:16-19 together.
  - Discuss: "What does repentance mean according to Isaiah? How does it involve both internal and external changes?"
- Application:
  - "What areas in your life do you need to repent of? How can you take practical steps towards repentance and seeking God's restoration?"
  - "How can we, as a community, support one another in this ongoing process of repentance and spiritual growth?"

## Community and Accountability

- Group Discussion:
  - "Why is community important in our spiritual journey? How can we make intentional space to hear from God and support one another?"
- Action Steps:
  - "What specific actions will you take this week to seek God's will and repent of any wrongdoing? Share with the group and ask for their support and prayer."

## Closing and Prayer

- Prayer Time:
  - "Take a moment to pray for one another, asking God to reveal areas of stuckness and to guide us towards repentance and restoration."
- Benediction:
  - "Remember, God calls us to repentance out of love. Let's respond to His call, seek His face, and experience the fullness of His restoration."

