

Questions for our Growth Groups and personal reflection

Read Isaiah 1:1.

What verses in Isaiah are familiar to you and why?

Have you tried to read the whole book? If so, how did you find it? If not, what has put you off?

Children have become rebels... but God will forgive

Read Isaiah 1:2-20.

How is the relationship between God and Judah described? How had He treated them and how had they treated Him (v.2-4)?

What did God make of Judah's ceremonies and sacrifices (v.11-15)?

What had they neglected (v.16-17)?

How might we fall into the same trap today, either as individuals or as a church, and what might we do to address this?

How do we see the grace & forgiveness of God in v.18 and how can we praise Jesus for its ultimate fulfilment?

The City has become a prostitute... but God will purify

Read Isaiah 1:21-31.

Why is v.21 such a stark image of what Jerusalem has become? How might we sell ourselves to the world in taking on its values?

God is described as "The Holy One of Israel" (v.4) and "The LORD Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel" (v.24).

- What is God reminding you about His holiness and might in Isaiah chapter 1?
- Even though God is holy, what was His ultimate desire for Jerusalem & Judah (v.25-26)? What is God's ultimate desire for you and I?