



Sunday 11th May 2025
Isaiah 2: The city of the LORD

“I have a dream” (v.1-5)

“We have a situation” (v.6-22)

Questions for our Growth Groups and personal reflection

"I have a dream"

Read Isaiah 2:1-5.

In Isaiah's vision, what is "the mountain of the LORD" (v.3) and why will it "be established as the highest of the mountains" (v.2)?

What is God's plan for the nations in "the last days" (v.3)?

How does Jesus fulfil Isaiah's vision that the LORD's temple will be exalted (see John 2:19-22 and John 3:14-15)?

So, what would you say to someone who believes that a stone temple must be rebuilt in Jerusalem for Isaiah 2:2 to be fulfilled?

If Christians & the Church are described as God's temple (Matthew 5:14, 1 Corinthians 3:16), how should we be playing our part in God's salvation plan for the world?

Why does the prophecy in Isaiah 2:4 seem such a distant hope for us? Why can we be sure that because of Jesus, it will one day take place completely?

"We have a situation"

As we land back on earth with a bump, the current reality for Isaiah in Jerusalem was a far cry from God's ideal city!

Read Isaiah 2:6-22.

What did the people take pride in rather than God (v.6-8)?

How are these idols no different than what we might worship in our day?

What is the stark reminder in this chapter of how God the King will deal with "the proud & lofty" (v.12)?

Why is pride such a deep rooted and stubborn sin?

How might we learn to "consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8)?