

# ISAIAH

## A PATH FORWARD

### Taking God at His Word

*Isaiah 7-9*

#### Introduction

1) God's people have a dark past. (Isaiah 7-8:22)

- What are you afraid of?
- Don't react out of fear, but rest in God's promises.

2) God's people have hope for the future.  
(Isaiah 9:2-7)

- When you are waiting God is working.
- Take God at His Word and act accordingly.

# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Everyone has something from their past that they have done or that has been done to them that they are not proud of." Explain why.
2. What are some things that happened in the nation of Israel's past that they would not be proud of?
3. In Jeremiah 7:25-26 God says, "from the time your ancestors left Egypt until now, day after day, again and again I sent you my servants the prophets. But they did not listen to me or pay attention. They were stiff-necked and did more evil than their ancestors." How can you relate to being a stiff-necked stubborn person toward God? What has that looked like in your life?
4. Where and when in your life have you experienced darkness and gloom like the nation of Israel did? Have you ever asked for a sign from God? What brought you hope during that time?
5. Take time as a group to read Isaiah 9:1-7. Based off of what Isaiah says, what hope do we have in the middle of darkness and gloom?
6. What barriers do you have to experience this hope in your life? What steps can you take this week to take God at His Word and act accordingly?

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## MEMORY VERSE

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."*  
*Isaiah 7:14*