

## **Dec 14/25 – Small Group Questions**

### **Isaiah 12: Pondering Joy with the Prophet**

Isaiah teaches us to sing a song of future joy in our present pain. A song of changed perspective, claimed salvation, and a communal chorus.

#### **Read Isaiah 12**

1. The modern person responds to suffering with the agonizing cry – “Why would a good God allow suffering”? This is a very contemporary question. What about our cultural moment gives rise to this question?
2. (vs. 1) Isaiah teaches us to sing a song of changed perspective. Not to be surprised by suffering but to be surprised by grace. Why is grace so surprising?
3. What things do we look to to sustain us in the midst of suffering? How does suffering expose those things as bankrupt, unable to sustain us?
4. Isaiah wants to keep our eyes on grace because it is the only thing that can sustain us in the midst of sorrow. How can a God of grace sustain us?
5. How can being in the context of community help to keep our eyes on grace when we struggle to do so?
6. (vs. 3) How does a community joyfully drawing on the wells of salvation reveal the goodness of God?