The Book of Isaiah Trusting God More #6

Some of the outlines are taken from Melissa Spoelstra's book, Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More.

Review of previous Lesson (The Wrath of God). Chapter 10 ended with the wrath of God!

Objective: To understand following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more. Big Idea for lesson #6: We have hope!

Opening Discussion: What deepens, strengthens, and increases your hope?

Read Romans 15:11-13 (The prophecy fulfilled). Paul is quoting from (Esaias) or Isaiah 11:10.

In him, we have hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Build your hope on Him! What are some things we put our hope in?

What would happen if we placed our hope in Jesus for everything? (not your money, not your job, not your future, not your future, not your health....

What about the verse in the song, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand. The verse says, "Build your hope on things eternal...!"

Why is the emphasis on the Gentiles? What does that say to each of us as non-Jews?

Thus far we have seen:

- How God provided hope for His people through the message of the Prophet Isaiah in chapters 1-5.
- In chapter 6, we see how God will leave a remnant of His people (like a stump having been left after a forest fire.) The remnant is saved by grace (Isaiah 6:13).
- God offered Ahaz and the southern kingdom of Judah hope through the sign of a child called Immanuel (God with us) in Isaiah 7.

• After judgement, a child will be born (Isaiah 9:1-7). We heard the titles of the son. • Last week we learned of the wrath of God and how God used Assyria to judge the norther kingdom of Israel. Chapter 10 ended with the judgement of God.

Today, we will discuss the prophecy being spoken and the triumph of the Messiah beginning in chapter 11. Read 11:1.

Did you hear the "shoot from the stump of Jesse?"

• Jesse was King David's Father. David was the greatest king of Israel.

• So, the Messiah that Israel hoped for was often called "the son of David." • Jesus would be greater than David.

Recall Matthew 22:41-45. Notice, they did not say a word. Why? The point was (in context) Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of David, the root of Jesse.

Read 11:2

Notice the seven attributes of the spirit of God. The Branch that would arise from. The dead stump would be full of the spirit.

How does it make you feel knowing that "in Him" all these attributes can be found?

Read 11:3-5. (Discussion) We hear the perfect character of the Messiah.

Read 11:6-9 What did you hear?

When the Messiah rules and reigns, even nature would be transformed. WOW! What would this be a picture of? How are the animals relating to each other?

Read Genesis 1:28-2:3. Read Genesis 3:15. What does Isaiah mean by the curse will be reversed?

Read 11.•10-12.

The good news is the glory of the Lord would not be just for the Gentiles. The Messiah would stand as a banner to His people.

Read 11:13-16

What is the message? Peace will reign! o Nations would not be at war anymore! o Conflicts will be settled!

• Disobedient nations would be punished.

Hope! There will be a highway for the remnant of His people.

How does ALL of this make you have hope?