

#### **4 Questions for the passage (self-study):**

*What is God teaching us about Himself?*

*What is God teaching us about our self?*

*What is God teaching us about others?*

*So what?*

## **Why do we need the Bible – To See Beyond Today!**

### **Explore the Bible and it will Change Your Life!**

It will lead you home(Gen-Deut); Discover God's Plan(Josh-Esth); To Understand Life(Job-Songs)

“I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Is 44:22

June 25, 2023 – Pastor Matt

#### **June 25 – The Big Picture - Isaiah**

July 2 – Speak the Truth Even when it Hurts! – Jer-Dan.

July 9 – The Unlimited Scope of God's Message - Minor

#### **Focus Text: Isaiah 1:18-20**

Introduction:

- Isaiah is often seen as a mini **BIBLE**
- It contains a message of **JUDGEMENT** and **HOPE**
- It is a message of hope in God's **PROMISES**

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **In our MESS God sends a MESSANGER.**

- In order to get our attention, God will often **AFFLICT** the comfortable and **COMFORT** the afflicted.
- Note the **REBELLION** of the people!
- God's **GOAL** is our **RETURN**

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **There is a NEAR and FAR view in God's message.**

- In the midst of the mess, there are **STAGES**.
- There is what is seen **NOW** but what will **BE**.
- This message encompassed **ALL PEOPLE**.

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Before we can see GOOD news, we need to see the BAD.**

- The message combines **HOPE** and **JUDGEMENT**
- This applied to the **JUDGEMENT** coming.
- Judgment ushers in the **PROMISED SERVANT**.

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **God has a pathway to RESTORATION.**

- This message of God has an **OLIVE BRANCH**.
- The Holy God cannot be **PASSIVE** about sin.
- Ultimately, each person must **DECIDE**.

Personal Insights: \_\_\_\_\_

**When we get caught up in the day-to-day grind, we can miss what God is doing now – as well as His long-term plans! Pause, reflect, and embrace the working of God!**

**SO What – NOW What** \_\_\_\_\_

Tasks to be done later – write them down, leave them, and get back to the message! \_\_\_\_\_

