

Discussion Questions & Isaiah Study

Isaiah 44-45

Please use these with your family, spouse, or a friend over the phone. Have a question about the sermon or passage you'd like to ask Pastor Daniel or Pastor Paul? Please do! We'd be happy to talk it over with you and answer your questions.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SERMON?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & STUDY:

1. List the characteristics of God mentioned in Isaiah 44:24-28.
2. Why did God choose Cyrus? What does the fact that Isaiah the prophet mentioned Cyrus the Great by name more than a century before he was born teach you about God? What does it teach you about the Bible?
3. Cyrus is called God's "chosen one" or "anointed one" (messiah) – a word used of several Israelite kings & priests. The Bible contains many "types" of Christ which gives us some insight into the person of Jesus (i.e. Joseph is considered to be a type of Christ). What might we learn from Cyrus & God's use of him?
4. What is the significance of the word "know" in 45:4-6? Why is v. 6 so significant.
5. Read this article first: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Isaiah-45-7.html> How are we to understand 45:7? Is this difficult for you to accept? Why? How do we need to balance our idea of who God should be & what the scriptures present?
6. How do verses 1-3 harmonize with Deuteronomy 2:20-23; Amos 9:7; and Acts 17:26? What does this teach us about God's orchestration of human history and the rise and fall of every nation/kingdom/ empire that there has ever been?
7. How does Isa 45:9-10 convict you? When are you tempted to argue with your Maker? How could we learn to humble ourselves and not question God so much?
8. Compare verse 23 with Philippians 2:10-11. What is the significance of the fact that Paul applies this verse to Jesus Christ?