REBELLION TO REPENTANCE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How had the people of Judah sinned against their Lord and Father (Isaiah 1:2-4, 15-17, 23, 29)?

What would be some modern parallels for the sins you named?

Do you practice any habits like these?

What were the consequences of persistent rebellion (Isaiah 1:5-6, 7-8, 15)?

🥰 Think about prayer in the context of persistent rebellion. Does God ever refuse to hear a Christian's prayer (Isaiah 1:15)?

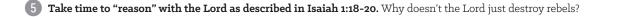
Q Does He refuse to hear unbelievers' prayers (1 Peter 3:7-12)?

Why was the Lord not pleased with His people even though they were obeying His laws of worship (Isaiah 1:11-17)?

A How might Isaiah 1:11-17 be relevant to Christian worshipers?

Consider God's command in Isaiah 1:17. In what ways, if any, do you "seek justice" and "defend the oppressed"?

💡 How could you do so more than you are now? What would it cost you to actively seek justice as well as simply avoid committing injustice?



What do these verses tell you about Him?

What would it mean for you to be "willing and obedient" (Isaiah 1:19-20)?

6 Meditate on the Lord's justice (Isaiah 1:19-20, 24-28) and mercy (Isaiah 1:9, 18). How have you experienced both of these in your life? What is your response to seeing God's justice and mercy in your life?

7 What types of hypocrisy or scandals have marred the reputation of the church at large?

A How can the broader church regain credibility? What practical expression of repentance might the church demonstrate?

PRAYER REQUESTS

8	Isaiah's message to his culture included the carrot (promises of hope) and the sharp prod (warn- ings of judgment). How effective do you think this approach would be in motivating those in our culture who have strayed from God's standard? What makes you say that?	
9	When our sins come to the surface and our guilt is exposed, God's intention is not for us to spiral into self-despair or depression. Instead, he wants us to repent and receive his gracious gift of for-giveness. Perhaps you need to take some time to repent. Maybe you need to dedicate some time to praising God for his forgiveness.	
	Can you think of a time you were forgiven by God and balmed in your heart such that you knew your scarlet sins had become like wool (Isaiah 1:18). Be prepared to share.	