"Revealed—Conqueror"

Life Group Lesson Isaiah 25:1-12 April 12, 2020

OPEN: What kind of person are you? Are you constantly keeping up with the news or are you avoiding it at all costs?

Isaiah 25: 1-12

1 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm. 5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place as straw is trodden down in a dung-pit.

11 Though they spread out their hands in the midst of it, as swimmers spread out their hands to swim, their pride will be laid low despite the struggle of their hands. 12 The high fortifications of his walls will be brought down, laid low, cast to the ground, even to the dust.

DIG: Read Isaiah 25:1-12

- Where in this chapter is God's conquering power on display?
- In what way does the New Testament make use of Isaiah 25?
- What other times in scripture do we see God and humans sharing a meal together?
- How do you reconcile the promised fate of Moab (25:10-12) with the inclusive language of all nations in 25:6-8? How come Moab does not make the cut?

REFLECT

- Check in time. How are you doing these days?
- What has been the highlight of the past week?
- What was the low point for you during this past week?
- As you look at Isaiah 25, what verse grabs your heart and gives you hope?
- What part of Isaiah 25 could you do without?
- Is there any part of this chapter that you flat out just don't understand?
- What prayer concerns do you have?

PRAYER TIME:

Lord, for the gift of the empty tomb and the hope that it gives us, we thank you. In the name of the risen one we pray, Amen.