

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - Signposts

Sermon Date - Nov 29

Sermon Passage - Isaiah 64:1-9

Warm-up:

1. Have you ever watched an artist at work? What did you think as you watched him/her create something?

Read Isaiah 64:1-9

Observe: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text says.

1. What are the key things you see in this passage ?
2. What type of writing is this passage? Is it a piece of narrative, a letter, a poem, or a prayer? **It is a prayer.**
3. How many times is the word you or your used?
4. Do you see any examples of comparison or contrast?
5. What key words or phrases did you see in this passage?
6. What do you think is the theme of this passage?

Interpret: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text means.

1. This prayer was written while the Israelites were in exile. How does this change how you interpret the prayer?
2. What do you feel is the state of the Israelites when this was written?
3. What events in Israel's history do you believe is referenced in verses 1-3? How about in verse 8?
4. What does verse 6 teach about trying to "earn our way into heaven"?
5. What does verse 8 teach us about our relationship with God?
6. What are your thoughts on verse 9 in response to verse 8? Does this give you hope? Why?

Apply: In this section, our goal is to determine how to integrate what you've studied into your life.

1. What is the promise of God that you see in this passage?
2. What are some ways in which you are broken? What are some areas that you need God (the potter) to enter into and repair?
3. What was God teaching you through this study? Is there anything in your life you need to change?
4. How can this group encourage and pray for you?