

Sermon Discussion Guide
100 Day Challenge: The Backstory
Week 11 - Early Prophets
March 14, 2021



 **Big Idea**

The message of the prophets is timeless and still applies to us today.

 **Icebreaker**

Do you have any funny stories of you rebelling against your parents? Or your own children rebelling?

 **Discussion Questions**

1. God desires a close, loving relationship with His people. What is one close relationship you have in your life? Read **Isaiah 1:2-3**. Here we can see God's frustration with Israel not acknowledging their relationship with Him. What are some ways we can neglect our relationships?
2. Read **Isaiah 1:4**. God's children have walked out on Him. If you're willing to share, have you experienced the pain of someone walking out? What are ways we can be there for people relationally?
3. Read **Isaiah 1:5-6** and **Hebrews 12:5-6**. God disciplines those He loves. Why is discipline so important to personal growth? How did discipline (or maybe lack thereof) help form who you are today?
4. Read **Isaiah 1:10-13**. Religion is no substitute for obedience. Why do some Christians seem to just be going through the motions? How have you struggled with this personally?
5. Read **Isaiah 1:16-17**. This is what true religion looks like. How can we live these words out practically today? What might God be calling you to do this week?

 **Concluding Questions**

Read **Isaiah 1:18**. God offers forgiveness and wants to restore us to that close relationship with Him. Read **Luke 15:1-7**. How does knowing God still loves you and forgives you affect the way you see yourself? Do you have any stories you're willing to share of a time God pursued you?

 **Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 **Prayer**

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Thankfulness for God pursuing us
- Moving from religious habit to authentic faith
- Forgiveness of sin
- Restoration of broken relationships