



“The LORD Reveals Reality”

Isaiah 1:1-20

September 4, 2022

Questions for Application and Fellowship

SERMON REVIEW

To bring us to our senses, the Lord reveals...

1. **The Reality of** _____ **(1:2-3)**
2. **The Reality of** _____ **(1:4-9)**
3. **The Reality of** _____ **(1:10-17)**
4. **The Reality of** _____ **(1:18-20)**

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Do you think you view things realistically? Are you able to see things as they really are? Or do you tend to see things too optimistically or pessimistically? Do you gloss over big problems? Or do you minimize good blessings?
2. The book of Isaiah provides a serious portrayal of human depravity. It's seen first in 1:4-6. This section is comparable to the summary of sinfulness given in Romans 3:11-18. What in these passages stand out? How does it reveal your struggle with sin?
3. Through Isaiah, God presents a withering picture of Judah's worship in 1:10-15. We think of worship categories in terms of traditional and contemporary. But God sees worship in categories of acceptable or unacceptable. What made the worship of Judah unacceptable? What are some ways believers can fall into a pattern of unacceptable worship today? What warnings can we receive here?
4. A portrait of repentance is provided in Isaiah 1:16-17. But is such repentance humanly possible? Can we "just decide" to do these things on our own? Reflecting on Ephesians 2:1-10, what do we need from God to make this possible?
5. Write out each of the nine brief imperatives listed in verses 16-17. Where do you most need to take action in your life? Share with someone and ask their thoughts.
6. Reflect on Isaiah 1:18 in view of the following passages. How does each one lead you to worship and obedience in the Lord? Romans 5:6-11; I Peter 1:13-25; I John 1:5-2:2