

## Leading People from Death to Life | Isaiah 34-35

### Sermon Discussion Questions

2/17/19

1. As you begin your time together, take a moment to recall and share some stories of salvation. Maybe share a bit of your testimony, how you came to know the Lord. Or you could share a story of a loved one's journey.
2. This week's teaching comes from Isaiah 34 and 35. Chapter 34 reminds us of the truth that a time of judgment will come for all of us. This is an important truth yet one that is often not shared or addressed. When it is, it often meets great opposition. Why is that?
3. Pastor Jim pointed out that there are different ways of sharing this truth with people, of letting them know of the judgment that is coming. He used pictures and stories to illustrate the options. Take a moment to look back at Isaiah 34 and the opening verses of Isaiah 35 and discuss what these models are, and what the differences might be between them. What has your experience been with each of these?
4. The example of the flower in the wilderness represents what God can do with a life surrendered to Him, even when living in the midst of difficult circumstances. God does some amazing things with a surrendered life. Pastor Jim highlighted three steps of how this kind of attitude and life points people to Jesus and to salvation. What were they? How do they give us a model for sharing the gospel? Read Isaiah 35 and go back to your notes for a reminder.
5. How can we let people know about the truth of Isaiah 34? By allowing God to care and provide for us in the midst of our challenges, letting others see our hope and joy in the midst of the difficulty and being ready to share where our hope comes from. We can then encourage and point them to the same hope. When God shared this with Isaiah and asked who would do this, Isaiah replied with "send me." As you prepare to close, take a moment and honestly reflect/share, are you ready to say to God, "send me"? Why or why not?
6. As you close in prayer, take a moment to recognize and praise God for His countless blessings, even in the midst of your challenges. Take time to pray that we would all be willing to say "send me" and that He would give us ample opportunities to testify to His love, care and provision even in the midst of the storm. May we encourage others to come and see that God is good.