

The Good Boss | Isaiah 13-14
Sermon Discussion Questions
11/25/18

1. To start your time together ask everyone to picture the most difficult boss they ever had. Take some time to share some examples and discuss, what was it like to work in that kind of environment.
2. Pastor Jim invited us to look at Isaiah 13-14 and to consider what God has to say about what a bad leader looks like. Take a moment to re-read the following verses and discuss what they tell us about bad leaders: Isaiah 13:17; 14:3, 5-6, 17, 20. How do we see these characteristics play out today at our jobs, our schools, or in our government?
3. There are certainly many behaviors and attitudes that define a bad leader. We can see it as Isaiah talks about Babylon and in some of our leaders today. What did Pastor Jim say served as the motivation for these leaders? What drives them to act in such ways? Review Isaiah 14:12-14.
4. If selfishness and pride lie at the root of bad leadership, what does a good leader look like? Pastor Jim pointed out four attributes of a good leader from Isaiah 14:1-4. Take moment and discuss what those attributes are.
5. How does God as our good king demonstrate these attributes to us? How would having a boss, teacher, politician or leader who emulated these attributes affect those under their leadership?
6. Whenever the Word is preached we are invited to prayerfully respond to it. Take a moment and recall how you started your time together, discussing bad jobs or bosses. After this week's message, how do you feel the Lord leading you to respond? Are you in a position of leadership? Are you under a difficult or bad leader? What about thankfulness and fighting against cynicism? Share your thoughts and encourage each other.
7. To close, take sometime to pray for those in leadership positions. Pray for God to provide us with good, godly leaders and where there aren't any, for the strength to remain faithful to the faith we have been called.