SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Good News, Week 12: Faith & Work

Introduction

If you had an endless amount of money in the bank and still worked, what would you do?

God's Word

Read Isaiah 60 (the whole chapter) and Isaiah 59:10

1. Look at Isaiah 59:10. Compare it with Isaiah 60:1-3. What observations can you make?
2. This chapter (especially verse 14) speaks to whom?
3. In what way does this passage look forward to more than just a physical return from exile and the rebuilding of Jerusalem? (Note the connections between Isaiah 60 and Rev 21:1-4; 9-11, 22-26.)
4. Look at Isaiah 60:19-20. How intense will that light be?
5. Since there will be no more sun and no more moon, what conclusions can we make from that section?
6. Who is being honored by all this wealth in Isaiah 60:6-10, 13? Is this surprising? Why?
7. Since these are nations who are not of Jewish descent, what is happening that causes them to bring wealth and honor to God?

Discussion

8. Talk about ways that gold and silver and precious items are used today. What is the purpose of having something made of gold, silver, or some other precious metal? In our world, who owns it and whom does it typically honor?
9. In what ways do people from many nations gather their riches to glorify God?
10. How do we glorify God with our wealth?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, all that we are and all that we have is from you. Help us to explore the many ways we can produce wealth in our world and give to us godly goals for using that wealth. May there be more equity and care generated by those who follow you. May the good news so fill us that we are excited to bless others. In Jesus' name, Amen.