

God Knows (Everything)

Isaiah 48

"...because God's loves has always been a story of discipline and restoration..."

Into the Lesson:

If you have access to some of the different Bible translations, look up the various subheadings (not inspired but helpful) for Isaiah 48.

How do some of these descriptions seem to be part of the general theme of these, "Servant Songs"

Into the Word:

As you read Isaiah 48, with pen in hand, revisit Lane's, "**God Knows**" statements:

"The depths of our depravity" (vv.1-4)-

"The depths of His Love" (vv. 9-11)-

What do you suppose topic of conversation would have been on the ride home from church after hearing verse 1?

What would verse 4 sound like in today's vernacular?

Of the 20 (+or-) "**I am God**" statements that Sam pointed us to last week, how many were directed to the nation's habitual idol worship?

Full disclosure I've only gotten through about ½ of the 16 chapters.

In light of "the depths of His Love", how absurd is the notion "*that they wanted to have all their bases covered*"?

How was it possible that:

- With all the reminders of God's historical provisions and the majesty of His creation, they lost their way?
- Yet through all the detours there was a remnant shaking their heads about "this younger generation"?

Into Life:

Spend some time contemplating Lane's statement, "*although they claimed to be God's people, they certainly weren't acting like it*".

In light of the stated statistics:

- 60 and 65% of Americans claim to be Christian
- 20% believe that The Bible is The Word of God
- while a full 30% consult astrologers, tarot cards, or even fortune tellers, not to mention those who check their horoscopes daily

How would the "syncretism/coexist" cabal respond to John 14:6?

Is there a bit of irony that Isaiah 47:4 would be spoken of those who believe, what we know as "The Apostles Creed" (with the understanding that catholic refers to the universal Church).

So how do we begin reaching out to the "all roads..." crowd without, as Lane so eloquently stated in the past, "being a jerk about it"?

What might happen if we prayed that we would be sensitive to the possibility of an opening to share the Gospel?

How could scripture memorization help in that process (thank you Hannah for last week's reminder)?

Looking back on your week, how would you respond to the question Lane asked, "*If you were put on trial - would there be enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian*"?

What do you need to do to make sure in the week ahead?

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

This Week's Songs:

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
You Are Holy
How Great Is Our God (Hymn #36)
Refiner's Fire
In Christ Alone (Hymn #181)

