



Community Group Questions
April 13, 2014
A Little Knowledge (Isaiah 11:1-9)

1. The people in Isaiah's day faced many dangers, including the danger posed by the Assyrians, known to promote terror throughout the region. What kinds of dangers do we experience in our lives? How does living under threat influence our well-being in life?

2. The hopefulness in this passage, derives from this idea of a "shoot from the stump" and a "branch from the root" (11:1). This picks up the imagery from the end of chapter six that we looked at last week - the "seed in the stump." What do these images relate to specifically? How do they offer hope to people living under threat?

3. Verses six through eight offer wonderful images of lions and lambs and little children. What does these images suggest to you about heaven and God's ultimate promise to his people? What do they say about the nature of God? What do these images do within your own heart?

4. The promise of these images turn in verse nine upon the expectation that the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth. How would the knowledge of God in this kind of depth eliminate the need to fear or feel threatened?

5. Chapter twelve describes joyfulness and "wells of salvation." How can the promises of God lead to joy in the heart of a person today? Do these ideas encourage you? Do they resonate in your own heart?