

QUESTIONS:

Start by reading chapter 29 together.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
2. What stands out to you from this passage and/or the sermon from Sunday?
3. How does Isaiah 29 point us to the Gospel?
4. Why do you think it's so easy for people to substitute rules, traditions, or rituals for genuine relationship with God?
 - a. How can we guard against this in our own spiritual lives?
5. Why do you think God desires obedience from love rather than mere compliance?
6. Have you ever fallen into the trap of going through the motions in your relationship with God?
 - a. What helped you recognize it? And how did you get your heart right?
 - b. Which is worse—going through the motions with outward worship but no heart (as in Isaiah 29:13), or not worshipping at all?
7. How would you respond to someone who says that church services are just filled with empty rituals?
8. Verses 17-19 describe a future time of restoration when the meek and poor will rejoice. How can we experience “fresh joy” in the present, even while we're waiting for God to provide restoration in the future?
9. Can you share why you love Jesus?
 - a. How can reflecting on the Gospel daily help you avoid falling into the trap of man-made religion?

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PRAYER REQUESTS: