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## PART 1: REDISCOVERING GOD

### Isaiah 1-5

*As we prepare for Advent and the birth of Christ, the first 12 chapters of Isaiah will help us rediscover God and His great plan of salvation which He promised beforehand through the prophets.*

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**Summary of Today's Lesson:** The first lesson Isaiah teaches us is that we must turn from empty religion and rediscover God as Creator, King and the joy of our lives.

- God relates to us as our Creator, our King & our Joy.
- God's First Complaint against the People: You have forgotten that I am the King.
- God's Second Complaint against His People: You have rejected Me as your Creator.
- God's Third Complaint against His People: You have abandoned Me as your Joy.
- Enemy of True Religion: Distraction & Indifference.

**\*\*\*Rediscovering God in my own life\*\*\***

I will rediscover God by:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Getting to Know Me:** (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. Check-in: How is your year going so far? How can the group be praying for you?

**Getting Started:** (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
2. How does the idea that God relates to us as “Creator, King and Joy” strike you? Agree or disagree? Do you struggle with any of them in your own relationship with God?
3. Do you agree or disagree that the great enemy to true religion (or true Christianity) is distraction and indifference? Why or why not?

**Digging Deeper:** (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. Read Is. 1:1-9: What does Isaiah claim that God’s people have done to Him? Why does this matter?
2. Read 5:1-7; 5:26-30 – How has Israel failed to live up to God’s calling on her life? What consequences will now come about?
3. How do you think Isaiah’s indictment against Israel relates to the American church today?
4. Read Is. 1:8-20 – What does Isaiah say the cure to our rebellion is? How does that relate to us today since we already know about Jesus? Do you think Isaiah’s formula for repentance still applies to us now?

### Application:

1. What is one way God is calling you to make Him the “center” of your life?
2. What false ideas about God have you had in the past that God might be calling you to let go of?