Discussion Questions for Isaiah 11 and 12

Chapter 11

- The lofty forest of Assyria will be leveled (see 10:18–19, 33–34), but the stump of Jesse will sprout (see 11:1). What is the Lord saying?
- The Son of David differs from Judah's kings firstly in that "the Spirit of the LORD" rests on Him (11:2). The Spirit equips Him for His mission. What is the Son's mission (see 11:3–4)?
- Why does Christ not judge by what He sees and hears (see 11:3; 42:18–19)? How can someone make right decisions by ignoring what he sees and hears? (See Leviticus 19:15; John 7:24; James 2:1–10.)
- To what extent has Christ already brought into being what 11:1–16 says about Him and His kingdom? To what extent are these promises yet to be fulfilled?
- In its fullest extent, 11:3–16 has not yet taken place. Still, why is it important for us to know these things? What difference should they make to our lives?

Chapter 12

- What is true of a person God has saved (see 12:1–3)?
- What does it mean that God is your "strength" and your "defense" (12:2)?
- What does it mean to "draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3)?
- What is the natural response to what God has done for us (see 12:4–6)?