Study Guide on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

- 1. What does this verse say?
- 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- 3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

(Isaiah 61:1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

(Isaiah 61:2) To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

(Isaiah 61:3) To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

(Isaiah 61:4) Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

(Isaiah 61:8) For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.

(Isaiah 61:9) Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.

(Isaiah 61:10) I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

(Isaiah 61:11) For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?