

Isaiah 26
God Rules



Before you come to homegroup read the passage again, make a note of any questions you'd like to ask, and try and answer the questions on the sheet.

John Newton-Webb spoke very helpfully from Isaiah 26, getting us to think about the gospel we proclaim and the confidence we can have in proclaiming it.

1. Read vv1-6.
 - a. What is striking about the 'strong city' in v1? What is surprising about it in v2!? What are the lessons for our gospel work?
 - b. Thinking about our evangelism, what is the warning to us in v5-6?
2. Read vv7-15. – 'God is moving history for the sake of his people – to sustain us, mature us and add to our number.'
 - a. What do we learn here about how God uses our circumstances to achieve his purposes in us and through us?
 - b. vv8-9 – How can we pray like Isaiah for our world today?

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- c. John said: “How much does God want to build his church? So much that he is moving the whole of history for that purpose.” How should give us confidence?
3. Read vv16-21 – ‘Sometimes it’s difficult to believe that God will keep promises.’
 - a. How do vv16-18 describe our experience of evangelism sometimes? Have you ever felt this way?
 - b. What hope is there in v19?