

## Lesson #1 Judah's Social Sins - Isaiah 1:1–2:22; 5:1–6:13

### **DRAWING NEAR**

1. How do you typically respond when you face tragedy or loss?

### **UNLEASHING THE TEXT**

1. How would you describe the overall tone of Isaiah's prophecy in these opening chapters?
2. What are some of Judah's specific sins that caught your attention? Why?
3. What are some of the judgments or punishments described in these opening chapters?
4. What can you learn about God from Isaiah's call to be a prophet in chapter 6?

### **REFLECTING ON THE TEXT**

1. How do you typically respond to passages about judgment and punishment in the Bible?  
  
Why do you respond that way?
2. Why does Scripture include the terrible imagery connected with "the Day of the Lord"?
3. When confronted with the greatness of God, have you ever felt a sense of fear or wonder?  
  
Explain.
4. What is the proper way to understand God's mercy balanced with His justice?

How can you reconcile the apparent tension between those two?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. What steps can you take this week to reflect on God's presence and worship Him?
2. Where do you currently have an opportunity to tell someone about the reality of God's future judgment?