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Pastor Roy's Sermon on Isaiah 1:1-8
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—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. Isaiah's name means 'the Lord is Salvation' and his ministry centered on pointing people to the coming Messiah -- in what ways does your own life and the way you carry yourself point others toward the salvation found in Christ?
2. The sermon describes Judah as a people who went through the motions of religion while their hearts remained far from God -- in what ways can religious routine become a substitute for genuine relationship with God, and how do you guard against that in your own life?
3. The Hebrew word 'yada' in Isaiah 1:3 speaks of an intimate, heart-level knowledge of God rather than mere intellectual awareness -- what is the difference between knowing about God and truly knowing God, and where would you honestly place yourself on that spectrum?
4. Isaiah ministered faithfully to a people who largely refused to listen, and yet he persisted in declaring the word of God -- what does his example teach us about faithfulness in ministry or witness even when the response is discouraging?
5. The sermon draws a parallel between the spiritual condition of Judah and the broader world today -- in what specific ways do you see the same patterns of rebellion, idolatry, and moral decay described in Isaiah 1 present in our current culture?
6. God describes Judah as children He reared and brought up who then rebelled against Him -- how does understanding God as a loving Father who has invested deeply in His people change the way you view sin as something personal against Him rather than merely a broken rule?
7. The pastor notes that even godly kings did not guarantee a godly people -- what does this reveal about the limits of leadership and the personal responsibility each individual carries before God for their own spiritual condition?
8. The sermon closes with the warning that 'sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay' -- can you identify a time in your life or in the lives of those around you where this truth proved to be painfully accurate?
9. Isaiah prophesied of a coming Messiah who would be a suffering servant pierced for the transgressions of the people -- knowing that Jesus fulfilled these prophecies, how does the reality of what He endured on your behalf shape the way you respond to temptation and sin?
10. The book of Isaiah ultimately moves from judgment to hope, promising a new creation where God rules as King and establishes eternal peace -- how does holding onto that future hope give you strength and perspective when you are surrounded by the brokenness and sin of the present world?