

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

INTRODUCTION:

Discuss how God used Egypt, Pharaoh and the famine for his purposes. How can these examples give us comfort when we experience troubling global events today?

Review Genesis 41:39-42:2 and the sermon's big idea. Read Isaiah 10:5-19 aloud with your group.

Watch Week 6 YouTube Video Lesson with your group

Answer the following questions as a group:

1. The Assyrians were a powerful, but wicked empire in Isaiah's time. In verses 8-11, the Assyrian king brags about his power to destroy weaker cities and nations, yet God refers to Assyria as his "rod" and "club" who he sent and dispatched (Isa 10:5-6). What does God send Assyria to do? Why do you think he did this?
2. How does God describe the Assyrians in verse 15? What insight does this give us into God's providence over the nations?
3. How does this passage describe God's judgment against Assyria for their sin? Why does God have the right to do this?
4. Although Assyria seemed unbeatable in Isaiah's time, their empire is long gone. What kind of perspective does this give as God's people face the powers and empires of their own times?
5. How does God orient all of human history toward Christ? How should this shape your attitude toward global events?

Pray Together:

Ask God to help us trust his Lordship over all the world, especially in troubled times.

MEMORY VERSE:

"The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all." (Psalm 103:19 NIV)