

SMALL GROUP Q'S

The Commitment of a Zealous God

December 27, 2015

Isaiah 9:1-7

- 1.) What does the word “zeal” bring to mind for you? Positive or negative connotations? What does it mean to be zealous or a “zealot”?
- 2.) Put yourself in the shoes of Israel in exile away from the Promised Land. Perhaps read Psalm 137 to help you with this. Would you have doubted God’s commitment to his promises to you, too?
- 3.) Will suggested that in many ways we are a culture of low commitment, even to our promises. In what ways have you experienced this reality?
- 4.) What does it mean for God to be “zealous” for something, and what does this passage tell us God is zealous for? How is this the same as or different from what you said in Question 1?

HINT: Remember comments from Motyer and Calvin that described God’s zealous commitment to his people and to their salvation.

- 5.) Will suggested that both our circumstances and our repeated failures/sin can cause us to doubt God’s goodwill toward us. How have you seen one or both of those be true in your own life? When have you struggled to believe God was passionately and lovingly committed to your good?
- 6.) What are you personally zealous for, and how do you know? At what level would you say you are passionately committed to the advance of God’s kingdom and the redemption of his people? Pray this grows!
- 7.) Will suggested that the reason for the last sentence of verse 7 being there is “so that our hearts will be encouraged to trust God’s commitment.” How does it do this for you?
- 8.) Read Romans 8:31-32. How does Christmas (God sending his Son for you) strengthen your faith in his commitment to you?
- 9.) Think back on Jesus as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How does having a God who is committed to seeing Jesus be each of those for us personally encourage you?



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