

The Axe in God's Hand

The sovereignty of God in the judgment of men.

Sermon Questions

1. How many texts of Scripture does it take to establish a truth or doctrine? _____
2. Isaiah 9 begins an oracle about the judgment of _____.
3. Israel had repeatedly ignored God's instruction and correction. (Yes/No)

Assyria: The Rod of God's Anger (*Isaiah 10:5–6*)

4. God *permitted* Assyria to conquer Israel, but he did not send them or command them. (Yes/No)
5. Assyria's army was especially cruel which created _____ among the nations.
6. What do we learn from God using Assyria to conquer Israel?
 - i. We're shocked by God's _____, not by man's sin.
 - ii. We get a glimpse of the terrors of _____.
 - iii. We better understand the accomplishment of the _____.

Assyria: Judged by the Lord (*Isaiah 10:7–12*)

7. What are the important teaches we see in God's judgment of Assyria, the rod of his anger:
 - i. God's sovereignty does not _____ human responsibility.
 - ii. Human responsibility is based on God's righteous standard, not human _____.
8. Who defeated the Assyrians and brought their empire to an end? _____
9. How should we respond to this message?
 - i. Be _____.
 - ii. Be _____.
 - iii. Be _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

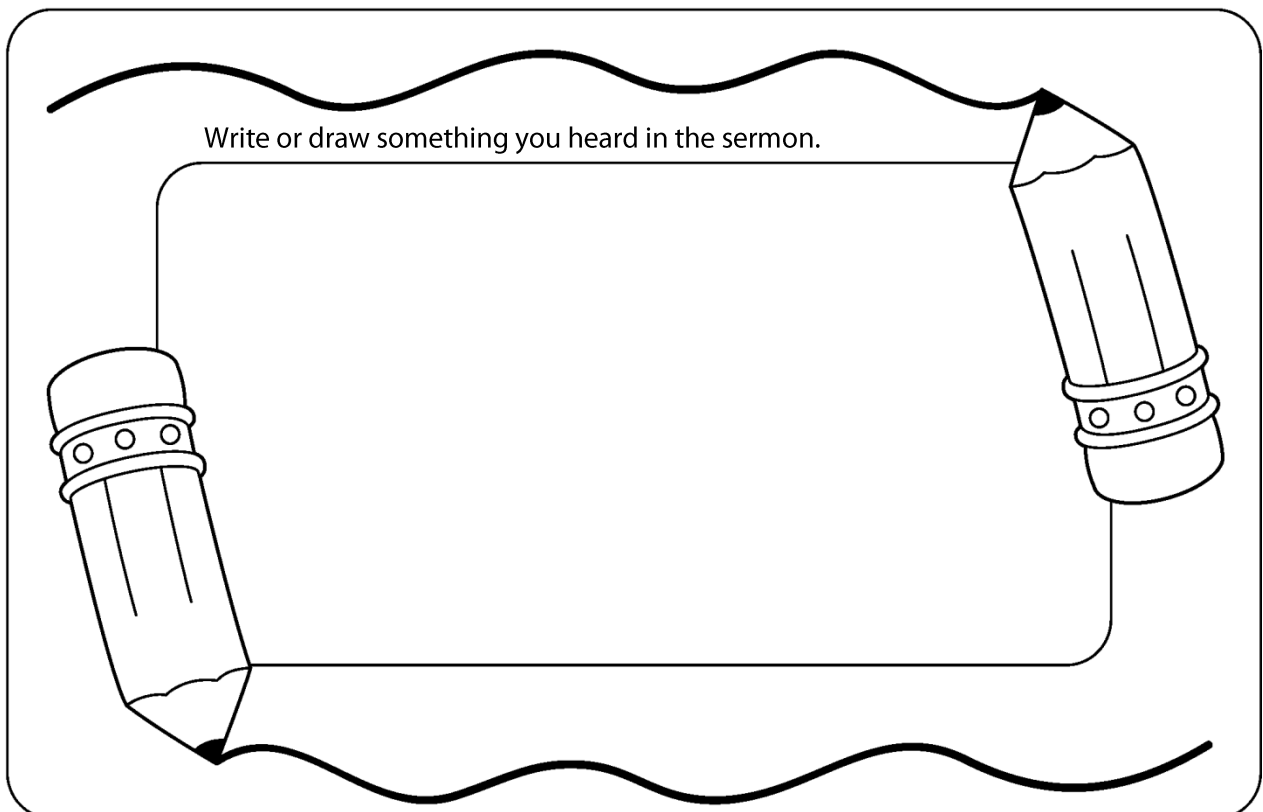
1. How does Isaiah 10 help us to see that we are responsible for our actions and choices even though God is sovereign over them?
2. Explain why the truth of God's sovereignty is so humbling to us. Why do we have a hard time believing what the Bible says in a passage like this?
3. Why are we accountable to God? On what basis will we stand before him one day in judgment? Try to reference other passages of Scripture for a more complete answer.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.