

Connection Group Participant Guide

August 15, 2021

Zechariah 12:10-14

Introduction

The nation and its people are still, at the conclusion of last week's study of Zechariah 12:1-9, not in the place of blessing because they are not placing their faith in and giving obedience to the only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So in that day the Lord will pour out the "Spirit of Grace and Pleas of Mercy" upon Jerusalem which will lead them to the crucified Messiah who they have rejected. Their guilt over having denied the Savior who has just protected, strengthened and delivered them will overwhelm them and will cause them to weep bitterly. Israel's lament over the Messiah who died on the cross for their sins will be a far greater victory than the one just won over the armies which will surround Jerusalem. It will be the victory of repentance, the victory over a stubborn heart, the victory over self.

Highlight

What are all the people mourning for? How high in government does the mourning go? Why is the priestly family mourning?

Explain

Who will they look upon? To whom is this referring (Zech. 12:10; John 19:37)? Read John 19:31-37. How does John explain the fulfillment of this prophecy? Why is Zechariah's description of *how* they will mourn significant?

Apply

How does mourning over sin fit in with "rejoice always"? Why is it essential to understand properly who Jesus is? Can a person be saved and deny the deity or humanity of Jesus?

Respond in Prayer

Read through Acts 2:16-21 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

