

# Study Guide

Sunday June 7, 2020

“Thriving in Exile”

1. → **Isaiah 48:17-19**

*This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had **paid attention** to my commands, your **peace** would have been like a river, your **well-being** like the waves of the sea. Your **descendants** would have been like the sand, your **children** like its numberless grains; their **name** would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me.”*

2. **Points to Remember**

- A. God gives us authority to protect us and keep us safe.
- B. The path to peaceful reform is seldom found through violence.
- C. Justice is not complete until it extends to all of God’s children.
- D. The voices of real justice are usually found in the middle.
- E. There is always something we can learn if take the time to listen.
- F. Some wounds do not go away unless healing occurs.

3. **Bible Verses**

Romans 13:4	The one in authority is God’s servant
Isaiah 59:7-8	Violence does not bring peace or justice
Isaiah 10:1-2	Woe to those who make unjust laws
Matthew 23:23	Justice, mercy and faithfulness
Zechariah 8:16-17	Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts
2 Chronicles 7:14	If my people will humble themselves and pray

4. **Discussion Questions**

- A. What do you think about the church’s Phase II reopening?
- B. What areas of injustice do you think our society still struggles with?
- C. What difference do you think the church can make in these areas?