



Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

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Pastoral Group Objectives

Express welcome and thanks together.

We are our brothers' keepers. Think of all the group members, especially those who are alone and suffering and let's get active!

Let's Share the Word

Key Texts: **Isaiah 7:14 – 25; 8**

Themes to Explore:

1. The lesson talks about the consequences of not responding in faith to the promises of God, distancing ourselves from Him and making alliances with others.
2. A serious problem at the time of Isaiah was syncretism between prophetic revelation and pagan practices.
3. Isaiah had to be a prophet, who not only had to send messages, but also had to involve his whole family.

Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:

- Identify the strong points and the places in his preaching where Isaiah speaks against syncretism.

Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:

1. What have we understood that is new and important in these texts from Isaiah?
 2. How would you define the behaviour of Ahaz? In what sense did he not fear God?
 3. How can we today make alliances with others and in this way reject God's counsel?
 4. How can we be testimonies like Isaiah's family, and convey a healthy fear of God to others, helping people to discover the truth about Christ?
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Personal Testimony and Church Mission:

Themes to Explore:

- We are called to daily testify that we have the status of new creatures, made in the image of God. Let's make this an object of prayer in our Sabbath School groups and individually.