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Digging In: Read Isaiah 1:1-20. In verse 2, why does God call heaven and earth to witness His charge against His covenant people? How does God see His people and their sin in vs 2-4? (see also Jer 3:22, 9:3, 6; Is 30:1,9, 44:18, 65:2) How does God describe the impact of their sin in vs 5-9? (see also Jer 5:3, 8:22, 30:12, 44:6) At this time Assyria, the invincible superpower of the day was threatening and attacking Jerusalem (2 Kings 15-20; 2 Chron 26-32). How has Judah even managed to survive? (vs 9 see also Is 10:20-22, 11:11, 16, 37:4) What does this say about God's slowness to anger and love and commitment to His people? How does God see the worship and offerings of His sinful people at this time (vs 10-15 see also Is 29:13, 43:24; Matt 15:7-9)? Why does God use the colors of red and white to describe what He can do for people who repent (vs18)? What is promised in vs 19-20 for those who say, "Yes" to God and those who say, "No" to God? What is required for God's people to experience God's grace and blessing (vs 19)? How does verse 19 relate to Deut 28-30?

Living It Out: How do you tend to see your own sin? The sin of the people you mostly closely identify with? The sin of others? In light of Isaiah 1:1-20, give a one sentence description of how God sees sin. How will seeing how God sees sin change how you care for friends in sin? How will it help you invite friends to encourage you in your temptations? For what sin do you need to say to God this week, "I am guilty"?

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