



# BelPres Church

## Holy Discontent

**Opening Question:** Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

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### **This Week's Scripture:**

Isaiah 64:1-12

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!  
<sup>2</sup>As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!  
<sup>3</sup>For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.  
<sup>4</sup>Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.  
But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.  
How then can we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.  
<sup>7</sup>No one calls on your name

or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have given us over to our sins.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet you, LORD, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;  
do not remember our sins forever.  
Oh, look on us, we pray,  
for we are all your people.  
<sup>10</sup>Your sacred cities have become a wasteland;  
even Zion is a wasteland, Jerusalem a desolation.  
<sup>11</sup>Our holy and glorious temple, where our ancestors praised you,  
has been burned with fire,  
and all that we treasured lies in ruins.  
<sup>12</sup>After all this, LORD, will you hold yourself back?  
Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?"

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**Scripture Reflection Questions:** Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

**Sermon Reflection Questions:** Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- What are some key take aways for you?
- How might you respond this week?

**Closing group prayer:** Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.