

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

ADVENT SERIES

These questions are for the **December 18, 2016** sermon, "Go, Tell it on the Mountain." Please read the sermon passage (Isaiah 42:1-13) together out loud.

WHEN SINGING *GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*, NOTE . . .

1. **What is promised about the Servant of the Lord.** (1-9)
 - A. Behold, My Servant (1-4)
 - i. "Behold, idols are nothing" (41:21-29, especially v. 24)
 - ii. Behold the work of God's servant is everything!
 1. Be careful not to substitute a worthless idol for the work of Christ Jesus.
 2. Substituting worthless for worthy is why many come up empty at Christmastime.
 - B. Behold, the new things God declares (5-9)
 - i. The Servant of the Lord is all-powerful and all-personal.
 - ii. Exhaust all of your own strength (and pray this over your prodigal), and then come to the One with limitless strength and power. Behold, the Lord.
2. **What is proclaimed about the Servant of the Lord.** (10-13)
 - A. Sing a new song to the risen Savior.
 - B. Let the whole world know (sing it from the mountaintops) of his strength.
 - C. We sing to him a new song (vv. 9-12) and we sing about him, the victorious one (13).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: We each have the tendency to turn to resources (idols) other than God for support and help. In what ways have you turned to other resources to provide for your needs? How are you learning that idols are "nothing," and "less than nothing"?
2. Based on #1, above: The work that God has accomplished in Christ's life, death and resurrection is everything. How are you learning that God's work, in Christ, is everything you need, is sufficient for you and satisfies the longings of your heart?
3. Based on #1, above: Do you think that others would say that your life is "singing a new song" of praise to God? How are you stuck in the messages and lyrics of old songs (complaining, dissatisfied, not thriving, singing joylessly)?
4. Based on #2, above: What is an answer to prayer, a specific thing God has done in your life in 2016, or a fresh way in which you are submitting yourself to God? How can you turn this into a new song? Are you willing? How does this fresh interaction with God defeat an idol?
5. Based on #2, above: Any and everything we give ourselves to can lift up God's name from the "mountain." How are you "telling it on the mountain" in the way you parent? Serve? Do your job? Pray? Trust? Love your neighbor as yourself? Rejoice?