

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Advent Series

These questions are for the **November 29, 2020** sermon, "Songs of the Servant, Part 1." Please read the sermon passage (Isaiah 42:1-9) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE MESSIAH, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD, NOTE . . .

1. The justice He establishes for the nations. (1-4)
 - a. God promises to bring justice to the nations through the work of his Servant.
 - i. This Servant is in relationship with God, serving him, upheld by him and chosen.
 - ii. God announces that this Servant will bring justice, 800 years prior to his coming.
 - b. Justice is defined by God.
 - i. God will bring justice to the nations.
 - ii. He defines justice: "Instruction in judgment; going the right way."
 - iii. Do not let the term be redefined by current events or cultural expectations.
 - c. Justice from God is an invitation to the nations to come walk in "His right way."
2. The light He brings to the nations. (5-9)
 - a. It is "the LORD" who is "the light." (Luke 2:32, John 14:6)
 - b. Jesus is the light to the nations (all the world).
 - c. Jesus is a glory to Israel (God brought Jesus through the promise).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The whole world seems to want the benefits of God (justice) without the responsibility of walking in "his right way." How can we improve at using the "on-ramp" of desired justice (economic justice, social justice, etc.) as a means of introducing "his right ways"?
2. Based on #1, above: "Preparing our hearts for Christmas" is the act of self-examination wherein we remove idols, sift motives and intentionally walk in "His right way." What attitude in your heart needs to be removed? What worry has to be abandoned? Is there a "way" (a habit or pattern) which must be changed? How can we help you?
3. Based on #2, above: Isaiah prophesies of this "Servant" 800 years prior to his arrival. Do you think the average person is convinced by biblical prophecy? Are you convinced and impressed by biblical prophecy? Do you put effort into thinking about the miracle of prophecy? Does it increase your conviction that God is all-knowing, all-powerful and completely faithful?
4. Based on #2, above: Jesus came through the promise to Abram (Gen 12:1-3) in order to be light to the nations. In other words, the plan of God was always to make Jesus a light so that all the people on earth could see "His right way." How are you learning to delight in Jesus? How has your faith in Jesus helped you to see? How has your life become focused on proclaiming Jesus?