

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **December 29, 2013 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Anointed One." Please read the sermon passage (Isaiah 61:1-9) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Isaiah 61:1-9)

Sermon Outline:

Through Christ's ministry . . .

1. God fulfills his purpose for his people (vv 1-3)
 - a. Christ's purposeful first coming (1-2a)
 - b. Christ's purposeful second coming (2b-3)
2. God fulfills his promise for his people (vv 4-9)
 - a. They will be priests and ministers to the world (v 6)? Check
 - b. The covenant will be forever and ever (v 8)? Check
 - c. Descendants known among the nations and blessed of God (v 9)? Check

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. A New Year is a great opportunity to review and preview, but the significance of a new birth is far greater than the hope of a New Year. In what ways are you living out your identity as a "new birth" person?
2. Christ's first coming was one of purpose. He came "to preach good news," "to bind-up the broken-hearted," and "to proclaim freedom for the captives." His coming was full of grace and mirrors the "year of Jubilee" idea which filled Israel with hope and joy. When you proclaim (preach) the good news, why is it sometimes difficult to remain focused on the "good" part?
3. God promised his people that they would be priests and ministers of his Word, that his covenant with them would be everlasting and that their descendants would be known among and blessed among the nations. How has God made good on these promises?
4. In what ways does your life (or 'has your life') touched "the poor," "the brokenhearted," or "the captives"? In touching them, how can you become better at proclaiming good news to them?
5. Considering that Isaiah was written 800 years prior to Christ's coming, and 2,800 years before Israel re-recognized as a country in 1948, how do these fulfilled prophecies throughout history inform and encourage your faith?