

SPACE FOR FURTHER NOTES



Growth Group Studies

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*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you
and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

1 Peter 5:10

SERMON NOTES: ISAIAH 49:1-18

Being Loved (53:10) - Also read *Romans 8:15-16*. What does Jesus give us that meets our deep need to know we're loved?

Worship (53:11-12) - Also read *Philippians 2:8-11*. Take a moment to reflect on the awesome, powerful majesty of Jesus. Share around the group things you want to thank and praise him for.

Good News (53:5-6) - Why do we struggle to share the Good News of Jesus with other people?

Encourage one another with any stories of how you talked to someone about Jesus.

REFLECT AND PRAY TOGETHER:

- Share with one another which of these 6 needs have impacted or encouraged you the most.
- How has God's Word helped you to have more hope?

Spend a few moments praising and thanking God for Jesus.

Pray for one another based on what was shared.

STUDY 2
JESUS MEETS OUR DEEPEST NEEDS
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

DISCUSS:

What sorts of things do people usually say are their greatest needs?

Pray for God's wisdom to understand his word.

Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12

1. The sermon looked at how six of our deepest needs and desires are met by what Jesus did for us on the Cross. Read each of the verses as indicated and reflect on the questions related to each need and desire we have:

What's happening in the world? (52:13-15) - What does it mean to live wisely? How can we understand God's plans and purposes, especially when we see sad and evil things going on in our world?

Knowing God (53:2-3) - What do we need to humbly understand about Jesus so we can understand our deep need for God?

Freedom and Forgiveness (53:5-6) - Why do we all have such a desperate need for forgiveness? Reflect on both our relationship with God and with other people.

STUDY 1
RESTORATION
Isaiah 49:1-18 and 1 Peter 5:5b-11

DISCUSS:

What gives you a deep sense of joy in the Lord?

PRAY: Before starting the study, ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God's Word & be willing to apply it honestly to our lives.

Read Isaiah 49:1-18

1. The role of Jesus in our restoration is central. What do verses 1-8 tell us about the Servant (Jesus') role? Which aspects of his role do you appreciate the most? *Notice in verse 6 that mission (reaching the lost) was a key part of the Servant's role and will be an important part of what a restored spiritual life looks like for us!*

2. The sermon looked at three aspects of how God begins his work of restoring us. **Read verse 8 and then verse 6.**

God's Timing (8a) - How does this help us when we feel frustrated or impatient with our circumstances?

God's Power (8b) - What stands out to you regarding how God's power can restore us and our circumstances?

God's Word (6) - **Also read 1 Peter 1:23-25.** Why is it so important to listen to and be guided by God's Word?

3. The sermon also looked at three things God provides us with when our faith is restored and refreshed. **Read Isaiah 49:9,10 & 13**

Abundance (9) - What sort of freedom and provision does God provide us?

Guidance (10) - Where is God leading His people? What does this actually mean for us?

Joy (13) - What is the reason for our joy? Reflect on the personal care God gives us.

We'll finish this study by reading 1 Peter 5:5b-11

4. What specifically encourages you in this passage?

REFLECT AND PRAY TOGETHER

In what areas of your life do you feel you're in need of spiritual restoration?

Where have you recently experienced God's restoration or refreshment?

Pray for one another about these things and give thanks to God. as well.