

THE SERVANT: Song 1

Text: Isaiah 42:1-10

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Food for Thought for the week of February 28, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

His Character...

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Please read Isaiah 42:1-4. In this passage, Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Servant (Jesus) seven hundred years before His actual birth.

How does that confirm:

a. The divine purposes of God?

b. The authenticity of the Bible?

His Mission...

3. In vs. 3, Isaiah writes about a bruised reed and a faintly burning wick. Reeds were used by shepherds as primitive musical instruments, but when they were broken or cracked they were discarded. A smoldering wick produces no light. Neither are of use to anyone.

a. Discuss a time when you felt weak, powerless, or useless?

b. In vs. 3, how does Jesus respond to someone who feels like a bruised reed or a smoldering wick?

c. How did Jesus minister to you during your time of powerlessness? Did you find His comfort through the Bible, another person, a sermon, a circumstance, or another way?

Behold...

4. In Isaiah 42:7, what did God promise that Jesus would do? Read Luke 4:18-21. Did He fulfill that promise in the New Testament? How was Jesus received by His own people?

5. In Mark 10:45, Jesus identifies himself as the servant who will "give his life to rescue many people" and offers His work as a model of servanthood for His followers to imitate.

Please share how you have witnessed the servanthood of Jesus demonstrated in another person's life. In what way does it inspire you to follow their example?

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For further study: Isaiah 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 51:16; 52:13-53:12; 61:1-4.



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