

THE SERVANT: Song 2

Isaiah 49:1-7

This is such a strange way to save the world.

The Problem with Prophecy

What am I supposed to do with these "heavy" Bible verses?

Isaiah was just like you.

Are you talking to me? Isaiah 49:1-3

This doesn't seem to be working. Isaiah 49:4

If I have to go to the ends of the earth... Isaiah 49:5-7

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Food for Thought for the week of March 6, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Isaiah's kids had strange names. Are you happy with your name? If you could change your name, would you? What do you think of today's baby name trends? Are you excited about being renamed in Heaven?
3. "Listen" "Hear this" "Pay attention" we are commanded in Isaiah 49:1. Did you obey? How difficult is it to connect with a voice that is spanning galaxies and time?
4. What are the sword and arrow images in verse 2 about, and why are they hidden?
5. Isaiah's message was rejected; Jesus' message was also rejected; your Christian message has been or will be rejected. What's the encouragement of verse 4? Galatians 6:9?
6. What lengths will God go to rescue us? (verse 6) Do you have a rescue story to share?
7. The Servant of the Lord (Jesus) will be "a light for the nations". How about servants (us) of the Lord? Read Matthew 5:14, Acts 13:46-48, Ephesians 5:8, Philippians 2:15, 2Corinthians 4:6 and comment.
8. For whom is light promised in each of these passages: Psalms 112:4, Proverbs 4:18, Isaiah 58:8, Isaiah 60:19, John 8:12?
9. Read 2 Peter 1:19 (a bookend reminder to pay attention) and comment on it.
10. Pastor Chad's quote: "Somewhere between the humanity of Isaiah and the massive world-wide scale of the Messiah is our DROP ZONE. It's not a landing pad; it's a drop into a conflict and tension we will hold until we see Jesus." Discuss this.

For further study: These believers' duties are all performed in the Light: 2 Chronicles 5:13-14, John 9:4, Romans 13:12, Ephesians 5:8, Philippians 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6. (Hint--they all are W's)

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