

# ISAIAH

## Discussion Guide

October 2/3 Sermon | Isaiah 42:14 - 44:23

### UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

Read Isaiah 42:17 and Isaiah 44:9-20.

1. What do you learn about the key issue being addressed in this text?
2. What does this issue teach you about God's people: their experiences, emotions, attitudes, need for a Savior? *For additional discussion, review questions from Day 1 & Day 3 of the Devotional*
3. How did the weekend sermon help you to understand the issues being addressed in this text? What do you remember from the message about the Israelites' behaviour?

### CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Isaiah 43:1-7 and 44:1-5

1. What do you learn about God in this text: His character, nature, His ability & willingness to save (despite the Israelites' idol worship)?
2. How does God's character encourage or convict you today?
3. How was this text connected to the gospel (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus) in the weekend sermon? *For New Testament connections, review questions from Day 4 of the Devotional*
4. What other gospel connections do you see in this text?

- a. What do we learn about how Christ is foreshadowed or anticipated?
- b. What do we learn about who God is?
- c. What do we learn about the relationship between God and man?
- d. What do we learn about the problem of sin?
- e. What does it look like to follow God in this text?
- f. How does God save in this text?

## **APPLY TO OUR STORY**

1. Isaiah 44 contains one of the harshest critiques of idols in the Scriptures, and idols were defined as “anywhere a person goes for pleasure or purpose.” As you look at Western culture (especially Canada), which idols does the West struggle with the most?
2. As you look at your own life, which idol have you noticed the most? *Make a list of all the idols the people in your CG mentioned!*
3. What are one or two things you can do to combat the influence of these idols in your life?
4. Split into smaller groups (groups of 2-4 people, or males and females) and pray against the idols influencing your life.
5. Take some time to confess the idols you struggle with.
6. Take some time to pray for victory against the idols your group struggles with.