

# ISAIAH

## DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



**DEVOTIONAL GUIDE** | Nov 15 - Nov 19, 2021

*Isaiah 52:12 - 54:17*

### **DAY ONE** | UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

As we seek to understand the story of the people of Israel in this text, we'll look at how God describes their past and their future.

- Read Isaiah 54:7-17
  - Write down what God says that he has done to Israel in the past according to verses 7-8.
  - How does he describe them in verse 11?
  - Now, circle or highlight every time the words "I will" appear in these verses. What is God promising to do for them in the future?
    - Reflect: All of these "I will" statements reveal God's heart towards his people. Which one most encourages you today?

*Pray in adoration today, reflecting on Isaiah 54:17. How does it encourage you today, to face every situation knowing that no weapon formed against God's people shall succeed?*

## **DAY TWO | UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY**

Yesterday we looked at “indicatives”: sections of the text which provide us with information regarding Israel’s past and future. Today we’ll examine the “imperatives”: what they are commanded to do in light of these truths.

- Read Isaiah 54:1-6.
  - What commands are given in verses 1, 2 and 4?
  - Now, circle or highlight every time the word “for” appears in these 6 verses, because sentences or clauses beginning with “for” explain why the people should obey the command. What reasons does God give for why they should obey his commands?
    - Reflect: on each of the statements which begin with “for”. Which one most encourages you today?

*Pray in Adoration today. Thank God that he promises that his people will not be ashamed or disgraced. Praise God that he helps people to forget their shame, that he calls his people to himself, and he sees himself as their husband.*

## **DAY THREE | CONNECT TO HIS STORY**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 contains another “Servant Song”. We’ll look at various aspects of this song over the next few days.

- Read Isaiah 52:13 - 53:3. What do we learn about the servant in these verses?
- Read Isaiah 53:7-9. What happened to the servant in these verses?
- Read Matthew 27:57-60. What is recorded about Jesus’ burial which alludes back to Isaiah 53:9?
- Read John 12:36b-43. What point does John make by quoting Isaiah 53:1 in these verses?

*Pray in Supplication today, that people who don’t yet believe or understand would know that Jesus is the Messiah!*

## **DAY FOUR | CONNECT TO HIS STORY**

Yesterday we looked at how the servant was described, and what happened to him. Today we’ll focus on what his suffering accomplished for us.

- Read Isaiah 53:4-6. What part do we play in the servant’s suffering? How do we benefit from his suffering?
- Read Isaiah 53:10-12. How do we benefit from his suffering?.
- Read Luke 22:35-38. How did Jesus confirm that he was Isaiah’s servant in this text?

*Pray in Adoration that Jesus’ suffering brings you peace, healing, and righteousness. Your sins are paid for! Jesus intercedes for you!*

## **DAY FIVE | APPLY TO OUR STORY**

God used this passage in Isaiah to bring the gospel of Jesus to Ethiopia.

- Read Acts 8:26-39.
  - Who are the main characters in this passage? What do we learn about each character?
  - How is God at work in this story?
  - What is Philip's role in the eunuch coming to salvation?

*Pray today in Supplication. Ask God to help you to tell others the good news about Jesus!*