

# ISAIAH

## Discussion Guide

November 21/22 Sermon | Isaiah 52:13-54:17

### UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

This week's UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY section covers the same background as last week's sermon. If you did last week's Discussion Guide, feel free to skip this section.

What is the solution for the nation of Israel, which fears people more than God? Read Isaiah 51:1-8 and note all the commands given to Israel in this text. How will following each command help them?

1. How will it help them to "look to the rock from which they were hewn": (Abraham and Sarah)?
  - a. Why should they pay attention to God and lift up their eyes to God?
  - b. Why should Israel not fear the reproach of man?  
*For additional discussion, review questions from Day 1 & Day 2 of the Devotional*

### CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Isa. 44:6-8.

1. How is God described in this passage?
2. On what basis should Israel reject the idols around them?
3. What is the ongoing role of people in relation to the one true God according to Isaiah?

Read Matthew 7:24-27

4. According to this passage, how should a person respond to Jesus?
5. What is the consequence of rejecting Jesus?  
*For other connections, review questions from Day 3 & 4 of the Devotional.*

## **APPLY TO OUR STORY**

In Isaiah 51, God offers comfort to His people, specifically to those who pursue righteousness and seek Him.

1. How can people “seek God” (v.1) today?
2. What does “pursuing righteousness” (v.1) look like in our world?
3. How are you currently pursuing righteousness?

One of the main lessons in Isa. 51 is that our identity matters, especially in the storms of life and challenging circumstances we will inevitably face.

4. What are the biggest challenges facing our community right now?
5. What are some of the challenges you are personally facing right now?
6. How do you stay anchored to the Christian hope in hard times?

## **Prayer**

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?