

ISAIAH

Discussion Guide

November 6/7 Sermon | Isaiah 49:1-50:3

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

Read Isaiah 50:1-2a and Isaiah 49:14-17

1. How are the relational fractures described between God and his people?
2. Why is their relationship fractured? Is God justified in his punishment?
3. What feelings are being expressed by Israel. Do you think they are justified in these feelings? *For additional discussion, review questions from Day 1 & Day 2 of the Devotional*
4. How did the weekend sermon help you to understand the despair of God's people in this text?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Isaiah 49:1-7

1. What do you learn about the "servant" whom God will send to rescue his people?
 - a. What will he do?
 - b. How will he be received by his people?
 - c. How will he be vindicated by God even if he is rejected by people?
2. How was this text connected to the gospel (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus) in the weekend sermon? *For other connections, review questions from Day 3 & 4 of the Devotional.*

APPLY TO OUR STORY

God's plan for the restoration of the world includes all nations, all peoples, and all languages. The church is to be a beautiful mosaic of society.

1. What has been your level of interaction with the global church (i.e., with Christians who live in other parts of the world and/or speak other languages)?
2. What diversity do you see at Northview?
3. How can we begin to work towards the vision we see in Isa. 49:6?
4. What is a low-barrier way you can interact with people (non-Christian and non-Canadian) and tell them about Jesus?

God is for people, and this is modeled best in the church - what Francis Shaeffer called "the final apologetic" - do people love each other?

5. What barriers do you see between people in our church today?
6. What barriers do you see between people in your own life?
7. How can you reach across these barriers and be an agent of love and grace?

Prayer

Pray for people from all nations and people groups to come to the faith, and for Northview to grow by evangelism of our city.

Pray for peace within Northview despite the various cultural, socioeconomic, and political differences we see in our church.