



Small Discipleship Groups Sermon Guide Questions 8 MAY 2022



Isaiah 49:8-16

1. When hurt as a child, did you normally run to mom, to dad or to whom? Why? What was the best way they could help you feel better?
2. What will happen for the exiles "in the day of salvation" (v 8)? How will the nations learn of God's covenant (see Isaiah 45:14, 22-24)? How does Israel reflect the mission of "the Servant" (see Isaiah 42:6)?
3. If the exiles are to return on a "highway" to Jerusalem (see Isaiah 35:5-10; 43:19-20), what will the trip be like (vv 9-12)?
4. Emotionally and spiritually, what does it mean to be a forsaken captive? What can cause you to feel that way? In this season, do you feel more like that or like a person coming home to a long-awaited reunion? Why?

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5. Jesus’ mission was unique, yet it sets a pattern for ours as well. Did the Lord ever use another person to extend his “covenant of the people” (v 8) to you? How? How might you be part of this process to someone else this week?

6. Although we normally think of God as “our Father who art in heaven,” what insight do you gain about him from considering the image of the motherly love of God at verse 15? How have you experienced this type of maternal care from God?

7. Pray together following the Spirit’s leading in the discussion.

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