
Small Group Discussion Guide — August 17, 2025

- Series: Isaiah's Voice
 - Sermon: The Savior
 - Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

This past week, were there any moments where you felt more awake to God's presence or saw His glory in a fresh way?

CONNECT

1. What stood out for you from this week's service, and why?
2. Baseball walk-up songs are short musical selections chosen by players as they walk to the batter's box, and it helps them get energized for their at-bat. What's your current "walk-up" song, that is, the one that gets you pumped?

ENGAGE

1. As you read Isaiah 61:1-3, what two or three adjectives would you use to describe God based on how He is revealed in these verses?
2. Now read Isaiah 61:1 aloud. Read it again, but this time replace "me" with "Jesus". What strikes you about acknowledging the "ME" in this way? How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of *all* Isaiah's servant prophecies deepen your trust in Him? What else stands out to you about this passage?

APPLY

1. Idols are keeping us from true devotion and they are deceiving us, and David explains that we're all captive to something. What does that mean to you in your life right now? How can you develop idol vigilance? One question we can ask ourselves is, *Is that an idol for me?, or as David asked us, What's your bigger than you?* What other practices or questions could help you and others around you notice idols before they take root?
2. Isaiah is about God's glory, and David tells us that the more we know the glory of God, the greater our peace. When have you felt a moment of His glory, where God's presence brought both joy and peace? How can you pursue more moments like that in your walk with Him?
3. If you were to make a pie chart showing the influences that govern your life - God, self, and idols - what would the percentages look like right now? How can you use this information to grow your understanding and relationship with Christ, and to furthermore help others around you? What step could you take this week to move in that direction?

PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for this day, and for this opportunity to be together in Your love. Thank you for sending your Son, our Savior, who covers all of our sins. Father, we look forward to the day when all Shalom will be restored, but right now in our brokenness we pray that You move us into humility; into a place where we can become more and more like Jesus; to receive the glory of God, and to boldly share His love with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOING DEEPER

As we conclude our series on Isaiah, the Truth of the glory and realness of God is hopefully more apparent. But before we move on too quickly, consider creating some quiet time to reflect on the question, *what part of my life most needs Jesus' good news, comfort, and freedom this week?* In prayer, invite God into those places.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:11-14

John 5:39

Luke 4:17-21

QUOTES

"Glory--you are all beauty, power, and virtue and since this is who you are, one day all things will be fully in accord with this; with you." J.I. Packer

"A spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the center, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of his reality and claim, and self, given to the great movement of his will." Evelyn Underhill