


# SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


ISAIAH 49:1-7


1 **The Servant is revealed in Isaiah 42-53.** The “Servant” is mentioned 20 times in this section.


 Who is the Servant?

 What are some passages of Scripture that describe the Servant?

2 **Politicians are ideally supposed to be “public servants.”** They are to serve the people in their city, county, state or nation. Yet politics often seems to produce power-driven, money-hungry “personal-gainers” who have no idea what real service is. In great contrast, God sent His Son to be the most humble public servant of all. Meditate on Jesus the Servant with your group.


 *Jesus stood before his disciples and took a towel and washed their dirty feet. He taught them his identity through his service. “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John 13:14-16).*

 *Jesus taught the disciples what true greatness is. “...But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28)*

 What is God prompting you to do as a result of meditating on Christ the Servant?

3 **Jesus fulfilled and will fulfill the prophetic descriptions of Isaiah 49.** In particular look at verse 2 and then look up Rev. 1:16, Heb. 4:12, and Rev. 19:15.

 What about Jesus is foretold?

 What does this description of Jesus make you think about?

⚙️ *How does it make you trust God's Word more?*

♥️ *What is your daily commitment to the Word?*

**4** **What does the description of “from the womb” bring to mind from Isaiah 49:2, 5?**

⚙️ *What do you understand about the virgin birth of Christ?*

📖 *What was the purpose of Jesus' birth as a man according to verses 5 and 7?*

**5** **Though the purpose of Christ's life would be that Israel (and the world) would be reconciled to God, how would Israel feel about Jesus, according to verse 7?** And yet what will one day happen because of Israel's final and national reconciliation? What hope is there for Israel today? How can you share reconciliation with those who despise and abhor Jesus Christ?

**6** **Acts 13:44-49 brings Paul and Barnabas into a situation where they quote Isaiah 49:6.** Discuss the situation with your group.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

✍️ *What was God's original purpose of making Israel His chosen people?*

✍️ *When they didn't fulfill their purpose, the Servant was sent to do what?*

📖 *Even in this story, we see rejection of Christ by the Jews and the way that God uses Jesus to reach the ends of the earth. What is the fulfillment of Isaiah 49:6 in this story?*

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