RESPONDING TO THE WORK OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ISAIAH 54:1-5

1	What is the significance of Isaiah 54 coming after Isaiah 53? (I know this sounds obvious, but try and trace the connections between what we saw about the Servant in Isaiah 53 with what we read here).
2	Take some time this week to study the references to God highlighted in (Isaiah 54:5).
	■ The "Maker" (see Isaiah 43:7; 44:2; 51:13),
	The "Husband" (see parallel in Eph. 5:25),
	The "Lord of Hosts," the "Redeemer and Holy One of Israel" (see 43:14; 48:17; 49:7)
	The "God of the whole earth" (see Josh 3:11; Ps 47:8).
	As you come to understand the person and work of God more fully, spend time praising him for who He is and what He's done.
3	How do you react to the command to "sing for joy" in response to all God has done through Jesus?
	When do you find this easy? When do you find it hard? How can what we read in Isaiah 54 help you?
	Even if your present circumstances are barren or desolate, how does the good news of Christ empower you to have joy?

	♥ How can the reality of eternity diminish the pain of present difficulty?	
	Are you living through the tough things in your life with a sense of joy? If not, what needs to change in y	our thinking and behavior?
4	What are you doing in your life right now that demonstrates faith-filled expectation in the future wo tributing to the building of larger "tents" for the expansion of God's family?	rk of the Gospel? How are you con-
	Do you need to make some changes concerning your investment of time or resources when it comes to li optimistic enthusiast about future possibilities for the Gospel?	ving expectantly? Are you an
	God will spread his family to the ends of the earth. In faith, will you expect great things from God and o	attempt great things for God?
	Q Can you think of any examples of what it might mean for us as a church to be prepared to grow?	
5	Do you have confidence in the redemptive and rescuing work of God in your life? Are you at rest in his forgiveness?	PRAYER REQUESTS
	Have you let go of your sinful past and are you focused on God's future plan? He is the Holy One and cannot abide sin, but he is also your Redeemer who forgives.	
	Read (1 John 1:9) and if you have unconfessed sin, turn things over to God and seek his forgiveness. Then allow his loving kindness to calm your heart and settle your soul.	