

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 42

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In this first of four Servant Songs, through his prophet Isaiah God reveals the Servant and His justice, the Servant and our song, and the Servant and His wrath.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who does the Lord introduce as His Servant in verses 1-4? How do his personal characteristics and the description of his ministry reveal his identity (Mark 10:45; Matthew 3:16-17)? How is he unique from other servants of God?
- How do we strive for justice in the world while also acknowledging that only Jesus can bring ultimate justice?
- What can we learn about the nature of God from verses 5-9? What does he say to his servant in these verses? Discuss how does Jesus serves as the covenant between God and his people.
- Why is it important to regularly meditate on God's past faithfulness to you?
- Why is God instructing his people to sing a new song (verse 9)? What is worship, and what elements of worship are implied in this passage?
- Why did God hold his peace and temporarily withhold his judgment (verse 14; 2 Peter 3:9)? Why does he withhold His judgment (Peter)? What is in store for those who unrepentantly persist in their idolatry?
- Who is the servant in verse 19 (verse 24)? How and why did he chastise Israel?