

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 43

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God proclaims his love for his precious people, pronounces his preeminence to the world, and announces his promise to deliver Israel from exile and sin.

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

- Who is Isaiah's intended audience(s) in chapter 43?
- What does God address his people in verses 1-7, and what is his announcement? Why the imagery of water and fire? Discuss how believing that God loves and cherishes you affects how you live (verse 4).
- What is God's challenge to the nations? What does it mean to know, believe, and understand who God is (verses 10-11)?
- Explain the role of a witness (verse 12)?
- According to verse 7, why did God create us?
- How do you respond to the truth of God's sovereignty?
- Where do you seek security, contentment, and happiness in this life?
- Discuss the significance of the names and titles God uses for Himself in this chapter.
- To what significant historical event is God alluding in verses 16-17 and why (verses 18-21)?
- From what two great enemies did Israel need deliverance? Which posed the greater danger and why?
- In what ways do we attempt to either justify or atone for our sin? How has God provided forgiveness for sin at great cost to Himself (verse 25)? How does this text anticipate the gospel of Jesus Christ?