

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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*Isaiah*

Holy Living

## Lesson # 14 God's Servant

### INTRODUCTION

What do you think makes a servant "good"?

### OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

#### Read Isaiah 49:1 – 50:3

1. Why did Isaiah address the Gentiles (distant nations) with such authority? (Vv 1-7) **Jer 1:5; Gal 1:15**
2. Israel (verse 3) was supposed to be a light to the other nations. How did Jesus take on that role? How do we? **Acts 13:47; Matt 5:14-16**
3. What happened to Israel because she failed to become the light?
4. The Israelites seem to think that God has forgotten them. Vs 14 What word pictures does Isaiah use to reassure them that God is watching out for them? Vv 14-23; 24-26; 50:1-3
5. God allowed divorce with a certificate of divorce. The woman could remarry, but not return to her former husband. God divorced the Northern kingdom but not the Southern kingdom. **Jer 3:8** Why did God allow the divorce? Vv 50:1-3 Why did He allow the Southern kingdom to come back? **1 Jn 1:9**

#### Read Isaiah 50:4-11

6. How did the Messiah know God's mind? Vv 4-5 **Jn 8:28** What Christian disciplines might allow us to do the same? **Mk 1:35**
7. What suffering did Isaiah predict so many years before the Messiah's arrival? **Matt 26:67; 27:26, 30**
8. What is the result (benefit) of fearing the Lord? Vv 10-11

### APPLICATION

What area of submission might be keeping you from being a good servant?

*Note that four times in this passage the Servant uses the name "Lord God." "Jehovah Adonai" can be translated "Sovereign Lord," and you will find this title nowhere else in the "Servant Songs." According to Robert B. Girdlestone, the name "Jehovah Adonai" means that "God is the owner of each member of the human family, and that He consequently claims the unrestricted obedience of all" (Synonyms of the Old Testament; Eerdmans, 1951; p. 34). So the emphasis here is on the Servant's submission to the Lord God in every area of His life and service.<sup>1</sup>*

*Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. often said, "Never doubt in the dark what God has told you in the light." But the unbelieving ones who try to eliminate the darkness by lighting their own fires (i.e., following their own schemes) will end up in sorrow and suffering. In obedience to the Lord, you may find*

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<sup>1 2</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *Be comforted*. An Old Testament study. (125, 126). Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

*yourself in the darkness; but do not panic, for He will bring you the light you need just at the right time.*<sup>2</sup>