

READ ISAIAH 49 – 50:5

Write out this week's Scripture Memory Verse: Isaiah 49:6

Q1: LOOK DOWN 

Read Isaiah 49:1-6. The Lord calls His servant "Israel" in Isaiah 49:3. How is the servant's mission described? How is it possible the servant **is** Israel and **has a mission to** Israel?

Q2: LOOK OUT

How does the world respond when someone/something fails? Is there opportunity for restoration? Are there any second chances? How does this differ, if at all, from a Christian world view?



Q3: LOOK IN

How do you respond to God's discipline in your life? Do you welcome it or do you struggle with it?



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Read Isaiah 49:5; 42:18-25; Acts 1:8. The nation of Israel has failed to be the true servant. How does the servant's mission change from Isaiah 42 to Isaiah 49 as a result? How does the servant's mission grow as a result?



Q2: LOOK OUT

We see people's disposition toward the servant change in Isaiah 49:5,7. Does people's response toward you change when they learn you are Christian? Share with your group.

Q3: LOOK IN

Focusing in on vv24-26, God is committed to restoring Israel. How that does impact your personal walk with God? How does this move you to have a heart of compassion for those who are struggling with questions of faith?



Q2: LOOK OUT

How do vv. 1-7 help us understand Jesus and His mission in a lost and hurting world today? How does that message of hope get conveyed to those in our spheres of influence?

Q3: LOOK IN 

Do you ever grumble and complain as Israel does in 49:14; 49:24 or 50:1? How do God's answers to them give you comfort? How does God's answer rebuke you?



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Is the servant's task easy and completely joyful? What does He say about it in v7? Explain your answer.



Q2: LOOK OUT

Israel blames God for her plight in v14. How do you respond when those in the world around you consistently blame God for what they don't have and what is going wrong in the world?

Q3: LOOK IN

In v7 the Lord makes a promise to the servant. What has God promised you and how is that promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus alone?



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Read Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; John 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:14-21; 5:8-14. How does the servant give light to the Gentiles?



Q2: LOOK OUT 

Read Matthew 28:16-20. How does Isaiah 49 relate to our responsibility towards the “Gentiles” of today and the Great Commission?

Q3: LOOK IN

Isaiah 49:26 says “I am the Lord your Saviour, and your Redeemer...” Who is God in your life? Is He your Saviour? Is He your Redeemer? Both? Share with your group.



WEEK #9 GROUP DISCUSSION

MAIN IDEA:

LEAN IN

Think of a time that the result of something you were doing was not as you expected. How did you respond? How did the person or organization that you were doing it for respond? What was surprising about their response?

LOOK DOWN & LIVE IT OUT (OUT/IN)

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2. **Look Out (question 2, day 5):**

Read Matthew 28:16-20. How does Isaiah 49 relate to our responsibility towards the “Gentiles” of today and the Great Commission?

3. **Look In (question 3, day 3):**

Do you ever grumble and complain as Israel does in 49:14; 49:24 or 50:1? How do God’s answers to them give you comfort? How do God’s answers rebuke you?

4. **In Your Own Words:** Share with your group one action you will take in the next week to continue to walk in the light of the Lord. How can you keep each other accountable?

LOOK UP

Pray that

- As God touches the tender pieces of your life that need cleansing that you would be open to His correction and leading.
- You would be bold as God engages you in bringing the light to a lost and hurting world
- For God to show you one person with whom you can share your story of redemption and restoration this week.



