

December 11, 2016: Isaiah's Prophecy

Isaiah 61: 1 - 11

Today's reading is a reminder that God is looking out for those at the margin of our society, and will turn human society on its head in order to care for all of God's people.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- How do you see God's Spirit working today in the actions of those who you see living out verses 1 and 2?
- Do you consider yourself a "minister of God"? How can you act as one or more fully as one?
- Why do you think the Lord loves justice? How can we live out the Lord's love for justice?
- Which of the metaphors or comparisons in verses 10 and 11 do you like the most? Why?

Pray for your family and friends, for the anointing of the Spirit, for your highs and lows, and for a renewed thirst for justice.

The questions are intended to spark discussion and action.

Go out with others after church and discuss.
Include as part of a family devotional time.
Form a new small group and incorporate them.
Be creative, get connected.

Daily Readings

Monday, 12/12: Year of Jubilee

Leviticus 25: 8 - 12

- The law prescribes a sabbath for the land and a Jubilee year of freedom every fiftieth year. What pros and cons can you think of for such a system?

Tuesday, 12/13: Light and Darkness

Genesis 1: 1 - 5

- The first act of creation is bringing light and order into darkness and chaos. How is this continued in Isaiah 61?

Wednesday, 12/14: The Servant

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

Why do you think this chapter of Isaiah has been so important to Christians throughout the ages?

Thursday, 12/15: Zechariah's Prophecy

Zechariah 9: 9 - 17

- The Lord promises the day when Israel's king will be restored and judgment proclaimed. For whom is good news and for whom is it bad news?

Friday, 12/16: The Visit

Luke 1: 5 - 25

Have you ever felt unable to speak or respond to God's will for your life?

Saturday, 12/17: A Song of Praise

Luke 1: 57 - 80

- What would lead you to offer a song of praise to God right now?

Next Sunday: Luke 1: 26 - 45