

Book of the Servant

Isaiah 39–55

Into the Lesson:

How difficult would it be to explain the concept of “servanthood” to:

- The disciples as they traveled with Jesus-
- The nation of Israel, through much of it’s history-
- Someone from a third world country-
- A person working in a minimum wage job-
- A large percentage of 21st century Americans-

Side Note: Last Sunday’s Koinonia service was, for me, the most meaningful service yet (although Rick should have sung the Dan Fogleberg song).

Into the Word:

From Sam’s “Kings and Prophets” handout and bible margin notes, spend some time looking at the “rollercoaster” life of the nation of Israel and Judah.

(Is this going to be on the final?)

What evidence can you see from the “*Season of Lament*” Sam spoke of and the parallels between the two previous sermon series?

How does the discord between David and Absalom seem to set the stage for the “ups and downs” of future kings?

After reading Isaiah 38-39, comment on Sam’s observation, “*A king who does follow the Lord (mostly)*”.

To what would you attribute King Hezekiah’s willingness to show the wealth of the nation to Merodachbaladan:

- Vanity-
- Naivete-
- Gratitude for get well wishes-
- Impressed by a name that could be a winner at Scrabble-

From the “Prophet timeline handout”, spend some time reading Hosea 11:1-11, Isiah’s northern contemporary for a sense of the “times”.

Respond to Sam’s quote, “*who is the servant of the Lord*”, is it:

- The Kings-
- The Nation-
- Someone else-

Take a long read on the four distinct “*Servant Song Sections*” and the implications of the 18 references to a Servant:

- Isaiah 42:1-9-
- Isaiah 49:1-13-
- Isaiah 50:4-11-
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12-

Into Life:

What are the implications for the 21st century church as we come to grips with the fact that while the “someone else” points to Jesus, He points to us to be servants to the world?

How difficult do you think it is, or has been for people to accept the idea of a “suffering servant”?

- For the Nation of Israel-
- For the Disciples-
- For the “no second place” mentality of today-

What must our lives look like to convey the “Servant” mentality that will bring others to Jesus?

How does the reality that we are part of a world-wide mission of eternal significance help to strengthen your walk?

Lamentations 3:22–23

²²Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Sermon QR Codes:

Isaiah Handout



Prophet Timeline



This Week’s Songs:

- God You Reign
- He Is Making All Things Right (Hymn #729)
- Jesus Thank You
- The Power Of The Cross (Hymn #821)
- The Battle And The Blessing

