

The Servant of the Lord

Isaiah 42:18-25

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom Captive Israel..."
Hymn #83 Great Hymns of the Faith

Into the Lesson:

After reading John 9:1-41 (its all about context), spend some time trying to imagine what it must have been like for the man blind from birth to suddenly have sight.

Or any of the others whose lives were radically changed by the healing hands of the **Servant of the Lord**.

Into the Word:

While reading Isaiah 42:1-25 (again, context) make note and list the various senses that are expressed in this passage.

How does Isaiah 42:1-4 fit within the context of, "This Servant is Jesus"?

How does Sam's "Uh oh" statement of Moses and David as those who, "didn't listen". Beginning with Adam, who are some of the others we've read of who didn't listen?

What is the evidence that, "This servant cannot bring justice to the nations. This servant is so opposite of the first servant"?

How does Galatians 3:22-29 and Ephesians 2:1-10 provide a more complete picture of our "servant" status?

And though God suggests a "new thing" (v. 19), how does Ephesians 1:3-9 indicate this was His plan from the beginning?

How do these two statements from Sam's sermon indicate God's Grace (and apparent sense of humor)?

It's an insane act that the Lord would choose to use the blind to be witnesses.
Being witnesses is an act of divine grace in itself.

How does I Corinthians 1:18-29 and 3:18-21 fit in with this concept?

Into Life:

How does Sam's quote, "Christ has no body now but yours" serve as a call to arms for the Body of Christ?

With that "Call to Arms" read Ephesians 6:10-19 as our battle plan to reach out to those who:

Have been imprisoned and lost in the darkness by:

- thinking abortion was the only option...
- those who believed the lie of "gender affirming care"...
- I can quit anytime...
- I will live "my truth"...
- It's not hurting anyone else...
- I'll get into regular prayer and Bible study...

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel

This Week's Songs:

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death (Hymn #183)

How Great Is The Greatness of God (Hymn #586)

My Soul Thirsts For You (Psalm 63)

Precious Love (Hymn #129)

Rock Of Ages (Hymn #405)

