

The Servant of the Lord

The prophet Isaiah introduces us to "the servant of the Lord," the one who will bring justice to earth and champion God's mission. It's in studying this servant that we discover a clear link between the Old and New Testaments as well as the link between God's chosen people and his mission. In the process, we are reminded of God's definition of justice and how his mission extends to us today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- In what ways do you spiritually prepare for Easter during Lent?
- What is your understanding of justice? Is God's justice the same or different than that definition?



LISTEN TO THE EPISODE: [The Servant of the Lord](#)

READ [Isaiah 42](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- What are the nuances of being a servant? What characteristics does Isaiah indicate in using the term servant?
- Reread [Isaiah 42:1-4](#). Think about Jesus' ministry. Identify stories in which you see the servant's characteristics described in these verses exemplified in Jesus and his ministry.
- Is there a type of person or a group of people that you struggle to recognize as children of God, as part of God's chosen family?
- How are you reflecting God's kingdom in your life and community?
- How has [Isaiah 42](#) helped you reflect on your sin, the necessity of a savior, and the work of salvation?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Luke 24:25-27](#), [Matthew 12:13-21](#), [Galatians 3:7-9](#)

CONCLUSION

Read [John 12:27-50](#). After having studied [Isaiah 42](#) and meeting Isaiah's "servant of the Lord," what similarities or differences do you see in this passage from John? What does it mean to you that Jesus himself says he has "come into the world as a light"?

Let the passages from John and Isaiah inform a prayer. Additionally, how might you adjust [Isaiah 42:1-4 and 6-7](#) to incorporate these verses into your prayer?

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