

## MY SERVANT WILL SHINE ISAIAH 49:1-6

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- John said of Jesus in John 1:5 “The light shone in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.” Think about the person and character of Jesus. In what ways did he shine and illuminate our vision of the Father? What did he reveal to us about the person and character of God?
- The passage in Isaiah referred to the servant as a polished arrow, hidden away in a quiver. How did the New Testament authors expound on this idea? Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 and discuss.
- In the text, the servant seems to think that his ministry has been ineffective. Consider the gospel accounts where Jesus expressed that his ministry was unfruitful. Where did others deem Jesus’ ministry as failed? How might we be encouraged through Jesus’ response in these situations?
- In the book “Treasures of the Snow” by Patricia St John, the illustration is given of lighting a dark room. The room is not lightened by chasing away the darkness and then letting the light in; rather, the curtains are opened or the lamp is light, and the light from that source vanquishes the darkness by itself. What darkness did Jesus vanquish throughout his earthly life? What darkness has he removed from your life?



### FAMILY QUESTIONS

- God said of his Servant, Jesus: “My Servant will shine.” Jesus told his followers to “let your light so shine among men.” In this Christmas season, how could you reflect the light of Christ in your family, school, or workplace?
- Isaiah reveals that it has always been God’s plan to share the message of salvation to ALL people, not just a chosen few. Is there anyone in your life you think is beyond the power of the gospel? Pray for that person and ask God to give you opportunity to witness to them.
- The time of preparation is often overlooked. God spent hundreds of years preparing for Messiah’s birth. Jesus lived 30 years before beginning his ministry. What can we learn from on Isaiah’s declaration that the Servant was hidden away from the womb that will help us in seasons of preparation?

### WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Dave & Sue Rousseau, TEAM South Africa
- Rob Strauss, Elder
- Sarah Amundson, Ministry Support
- Global Evangelism Teams
- New Hope Lutheran Church, Neenah
- Pray for those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 4:2-4)

### CROSS REFERENCES

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-4
- Isaiah 7:14
- Revelation 1:16
- Hebrews 4:12
- Colossians 1:25-27
- John 1:9
- Matthew 5:16

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.  
**1 Corinthians 4:1 (ESV)**

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

In Christ Alone

<https://youtu.be/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>