

Home Small Group Lesson
The Savior
Isaiah 43

Start It Up

- **Opening Icebreaker:**

*Tell a story from early childhood about one of your first “crushes.” (Nothing too personal ☺ just some boy or girl that caught your eye in grade school.

Talk it Over

- **Sermon in a Sentence:**

- *God deeply loves us,* (v.1-7)
- *...and calls forth witnesses,* (v.8-15)
- *...to testify of His salvation.* (v.16-28)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- The first 4 verses contain strong messages of love God has for His people. Read the verses aloud. How does God feel about you? Which phrase do you have the hardest time believing is true? Explain.
- Read verse 2 again. The key word is “*through*.” God will walk with us *through* the water and fire. Describe a time in life when you knew God was walking with you *through* trial.
- God calls forth witnesses who know and believe the truth. Read v.10-15 about the nature of God. What emotion do these verses evoke in you? What comfort does it give?
- In v.18-19 God promises to do a “new thing” which would lead to “rivers in the desert” (probably referring to the renewal of the Spirit.) What is one “new thing” you want the Holy Spirit to do in your lifetime?
- One of the best verses in Isaiah is 43:25, which hints at comes future work of forgiveness which would come through Jesus. What one person has yet to ask Christ to forgive them that you want to see before you die?

Pray it Over:

- Thank God for the way that He loves us. Take one of his phrases and pray it back to Him
- Pray for those in your group who are walking *through* the water and fire of trials.
- Pray in pairs – that God would give you boldness and courage to be witnesses for Him.
- Pray for the church...that the Lord would do a “new thing” of spiritual renewal in the hearts of people.
- Pray by name for the people you want to come to salvation in Christ.