Home Small Group Lesson Raised for our Redemption Isaiah 52:1-12

<u>Start It Up</u>

• Opening Icebreaker:

*Describe one moment where someone delivered 'good news' that made you overflow with joy. What was the news? How did you respond?

Talk it Over

• Sermon Summary

1.	Awake, O sleeper,	(v.1-6)
2.	and rejoice that God saves,	(v.7-10)
3.	and calls us to new life.	(v.11-12)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- Who was the person God used to lead you to faith? Briefly describe how you felt the moment you came to know the Lord as Savior.
- The passage opens: "Awake, Awake!" Describe a time when you were sleeping and you should've been awake. Why do you think believers are so prone to fall asleep spiritually?
- In verse 11, the Lord says "*depart, depart, go out, go out*' commanding His people to leave behind their old way and walk in newness of life. This was quoted by Paul in 2 Cor. 6. Why is that so challenging? What is so appealing about our old ways? Why would we want to go back?
- Jesus says in Luke 9 "*No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*" What do you think he meant by that? Do we do that?
- Read the final verse: Is. 52:12. What picture does this bring to your mind about God going before us, and our rear guard? In what ways does that encourage you today?

Pray it Over:

- In v.11 the people rejoice: "God reigns!" Begin prayer time singing the simple chorus: "Our God reigns, our God reigns; our God reigns; our God reigns."
- Now, pray that. Take one challenging situation you are facing and thank God He reigns in spite of it.
- Give God praise for the good news of salvation and for the person who led you to faith.
- Pray for people who are spiritually asleep and for the church to wake up!
- Pray in pairs: That the Lord would help you not to look back, but walk in newness of life.