

Shaped by the Resurrection
Isaiah 62:8-63:6

What kind of people are shaped by the resurrection?

- I. People who understand loving discipline
 - A. God's irrevocable promise (62:8-9)
 - B. Discipline vs. punishment (Heb. 12:6-8)
- II. People who welcome with open arms
 - A. A city with obstacles removed (62:10-12)
 - B. Welcoming one another (Rom. 15:7, 1)
- III. People who love their enemies
 - A. The vengeance of Christ (63:1-6; Rev. 19:11-16)
 - B. Love your enemy (Rom. 12:19-21)

Application Guide:

1. How does the distinction between punishment and discipline affect your relationship with God? Would people characterize you as wielding the care-giving staff of a shepherd or the gavel of a judge?
2. In what ways are you not welcoming others as Christ has welcomed you? What are the characteristics of a welcoming church?
3. Why do you find it so difficult to love your enemy? How does the vengeance of Christ free you to love your enemy?