

**November 9, 2025**

## **Isaiah – Longing for Home**

### **Isaiah 52:3–10 — “Listen Up!”**

**Theme:** God still speaks. His message is beautiful. The question is—are we listening?

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#### **1. Opening Reflection**

- When was the last time you felt like God was silent in your life?
  - How did you respond—did you draw closer or drift further away?
  - What does it mean to “*long for home*” spiritually?
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#### **2. Read Isaiah 52:1–10**

Take a moment to read aloud the full passage.  
Listen for what God says to His people in exile.

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#### **3. God Still Speaks – “Thus says the Lord” (vv. 3–6)**

**Key Thought:** Even in exile, God had not let go of His people. They were still His.

##### **Discussion & Reflection:**

- What might it have felt like for Israel to wonder if God still spoke to them after 70 years in captivity?
- Have you ever felt like God was distant because of your own failure or sin?
- Verse 3 says, “*You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.*”  
→ What does this reveal about God’s ownership and grace toward His people?
- How does this truth connect to Jesus’ work of redemption on the cross?
- What are some of the “captivities” (sin, fear, anxiety, addiction) that can make us forget that we still belong to God?

##### **Application:**

If God still speaks today, what are some ways you personally hear His voice most clearly—Scripture, prayer, community, creation?

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#### **4. It Is Beautiful – “How beautiful are the feet...” (vv. 7–10)**

**Key Thought:** The good news of deliverance is beautiful—both for those who hear and those who proclaim it.

### Discussion & Reflection:

- Can you recall a time when you were “rescued” (physically, emotionally, spiritually)? What emotions come to mind?
- Verse 7 celebrates the one who brings good news. Who has been that “messenger” in your life?
- How is this prophecy fulfilled both in Israel’s physical return from exile and in the coming of Jesus?
- Read Romans 10:14–15. How does Paul connect Isaiah’s words to the spread of the Gospel?
- How might *you* be called to bring “beautiful news” to someone this week?

### Application:

Write down one person who needs to hear the good news of God’s rescue—and one way you can “go” to them this week.

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## 5. Are We Listening? (vv. 7–10 and Isaiah 51 background)

**Key Thought:** God is speaking—through His Word and through His Son—but His people must listen intentionally.

### Discussion & Reflection:

- Review Isaiah 51:1, 4, 7, and 21. What repeated command do you hear?
- Why do you think listening is often harder than speaking in our relationship with God?
- Read Hebrews 1:1–2 and 2:1. What does this say about how God speaks today and how we should respond?
- What “other voices” tend to drown out God’s Word in your life?
- What practical habits can help you “listen up” and not drift away?

### Application:

What would it look like this week to slow down, silence distractions, and truly *listen* to God?

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## 6. Closing Reflection

- What phrase or truth from Isaiah 52:3–10 do you most need to remember this week?
- How does this passage help you see Jesus as your ultimate Rescuer and Redeemer?
- End your study by thanking God that *He still speaks* and asking for ears to *listen*.