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Isaiah – Longing for Home

Isaiah 52:3-10 — “Listen Up!”

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

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?

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.

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?

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.

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?

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*.