

LIFE GROUP STUDY

For the week of September 20, 2020 – For Life Groups or Personal Study

How does the coming of Jesus provide sight to the blind, open the ears of the deaf, make the lame walk and the mute speak?

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Read Isaiah 35.5-7

What images stand out to you?

How do the waters in the wilderness and streams in the desert come to us in Christ?

What is the message Isaiah is communicating in these verses?

How do verses 5-7 provide hope for us in terms of eternity?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

Isaiah is used by God to bring both the bad and the good news. Where are you in need of some good news?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

How could verses 5-7 apply to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ?

Where is God working in you right now in order to find hope in the midst of bad news: Eyes to see? Ears to hear? A voice to proclaim?

PRAYER REQUEST

September 20, 2020 – Bill Williamson
The Homecoming

Isaiah was used by God to bring both good news and bad news to the Israelites. The bad news is that God was going to judge His people because of their rebellious hearts. The good news is sewed into the pages with the pronouncement of the coming of Christ in those famous words in Isaiah 9: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders." That would be good news for the Israelites, as well as for us.

Jesus, while here on earth proclaimed: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And, as Jesus ascended into heaven, He passed on the Mission to go and make disciples of all nations. You and I have the Spirit of the Lord upon us, in order that we too can share the Good News of Christ to the world. We are now, like Isaiah, God's mouthpiece of good news in a world that is often so filled with bad news.

As you spend time in prayer, begin by saying,
"Lord, speak, your servant is listening."

Spend time really listening and hear what God wants to tell you.
Let God reveal to you what He may want to show you as well.

Pay attention to who God brings to your mind, someone God may use you to bring good news to at this time.

Then, pray accordingly, and even proclaim,
"Here am I, Lord. Send me."