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Sermon Discussion Questions - December 12 & 14, 2025

Advent 2025

Week 3: Isaiah 42:1-9

Cornerstone Men

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

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Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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RightNow Media

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media. If your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site!

rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi

Meal for Care Night

Each week, a small group provides dinner for attendees of Care Night, held on Wednesday nights. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at gdwright@cornerstone.team.

Ice Breaker: *This week we talked about how Jesus shows quiet strength—strength that’s steady, gentle, and confident without being aggressive.*

- **Q1: When you think about “quiet power,” what examples come to mind—either from someone you know or something you’ve seen in media?**

Isaiah 42 was written to people living in exile. As believers, we also live as “exiles” in a world that isn’t our true home.

- **Q2: How does the picture of Jesus bringing comfort and courage to exiles personally resonate with you?**

Read Isaiah 42:1-9 together. Israel, its kings, and humanity as a whole continually failed at the servant role.

- **Q3: Where do you see yourself in that pattern of failed “servanthood”?**
- **Q4: What emotions surface when you consider that Jesus succeeded where you can’t?**

Isaiah says the Servant won’t break a bruised reed or snuff out a smoldering wick (v.3).

- **Q5: Where are you feeling weak or weary right now—and how might the Spirit be inviting you to receive Jesus’s tender care?**
- **Q6: Who in your life seems bruised, fragile, or close to burning out—and what might it look like to show them Christlike gentleness this season?**

God warns Israel in v.8 not to misattribute rescue or hope to anything other than Him.

- **Q7: What are some modern idols you’re tempted to look to for security (success, politics, comfort, appearance, relationships, self-sufficiency, etc.)?**
- **Q8: How can you intentionally re-center your trust on God this week?**

We serve a God who declares the end of the story from the beginning!

- **Q9: What is one example of something God has done in your past that gives you hope for the future?**
- **Q10: Are there any specific areas of discouragement you’d like the group to pray over?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!

Upcoming Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10; 52:13-53:12