



# GOD MY SAVIOR

## SERMON DISCUSSION NOTES FROM 3/28/21

### SERMON SUMMARY

One thing Scripture teaches us over and over again is that God desires a relationship with His people. Even during those times when we choose to do our own thing, God still pursues us like a good Father pursuing His wayward children. The message of this passage shows us how God works to restore His relationship with those He loves. This was true for Israel, and it is true for those who are in Christ. God's love for His people is clear in this passage. As we study together, let's rest and respond to His pursuit of us.

**Key Passage:** Isaiah 43:1-7

*Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.*

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

**KNOW**—Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone. The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

*What is one way God is challenging you to trust Him this week?*

*What are some ways you have experienced God answering your prayers lately?*

*Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?*

**GROW**—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

*This text reminds us that God "created," "formed," "redeemed," and "is with" His people. In what way does that help us not to fear in the face of adversity?*

*Verse two indicates that God's people were going through difficult times. Where was their comfort to be found?*

*Certainly, sometimes, we are negatively affected by our life circumstances. Does this passage indicate that we won't suffer pain? If not, what does it mean? How is it a comfort?*

*What do the names of God in this text communicate (v. 3)?*

*When we think about palm Sunday, and even the Easter season, how does this passage connect with the work of Christ on the cross? In what ways does Jesus show Himself to be the redeemer who makes us His own?*

*What does verse seven tell us is the reason God created us?*

*What does He mean by "called by my name" (v. 7)?*

*What comfort can we draw from this passage as we face adversity in life? How does knowing you were made to glorify God and that you were called by His name give you rest?*

*In what way have you seen God pursue you as He did the people of Israel?*

**GO**—Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

*Why is it important for us to view ourselves the way God sees His followers?*

*Clearly in this passage, the people of God are Israel. Who are God's people today?*

*All people have been created by God. Not all have been redeemed. Who do you need to share Christ with so that they might be redeemed?*

