

**07.07.24: 'Restoration Series. Wk. #7 'God's Rescue Plan'.**

**Home Group & Individual Study – some suggested questions.**

**Please read: Isaiah 42:1 – 9 & 18-20.** Additional readings: Isaiah 45:15, Deuteronomy 31:17, Psalm 44:24, Isaiah 53, Matt.12:12-21, John 9:39-41

**Discussion Group Leaders:** Please choose all or some of the questions for your discussion and Bible study.

- When people seem content and apparently have everything they want, they frequently seem oblivious to their need of God. **In that case, what do you feel is the best way to reach out to them with the news that we all need a rescuer?**
- **When thinking about the *true nature* of God's servant, what misconceptions have you come across amongst people you have known? Where do you think these ideas came from?**
- **Were you yourself ever blinded to the real nature of God? What changed your viewpoint?**
- **Have you ever asked the question, "Where was God when....?" If you are willing, would you share your story with the group?**
- On Sunday we heard the story of Itzhak Perlman and his passionate exclamation of "*All my life, it has been my mission to make music out of what remains!*" **In what ways can you use the difficulties and challenges you have had, and perhaps still do experience, to 'make music' for God?**  
**How might this help to show that the restoration you've needed in your life is nearer completion?**

**Additional questions – for further Bible study & reflection, or for Discussion Group Leaders to use if they wish.**

- The identity of the Rescuer / Messiah is made clear in the book of Isaiah (and in other Bible books too). **What other passages in Isaiah point to Jesus as Messiah? How do you feel when you read about what was written about Him all those years before He came?**
- Have a look at Matthew 12:18-21 – **What do these verses reveal about the character of Jesus? How are these verses a comfort at times when you feel broken, bruised or burned out?**
- Verses 1 – 9 in Isaiah 42 are sometimes called 'The Servant's Song'. Israel and the Messiah are both often called *servant*. **In what way is Israel also God's servant?**
- **In what ways can we today help the Messiah fulfil His mission?**
- Looking at verses 18 – 20 of Chpt. 42, how could Israel & Judah be God's servants and yet be so blind? How could they be so close to God and see so little? **What similarities do we see Jesus referring to in John 9:39-41?**