

October 27 Discussion Questions - Gentiles

Isaiah 49:1-6

Review

God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son (John 3:16)

Jesus loved the world so much that He sent **Us** (John 20:21)

"For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:49 (quoting Isaiah 49:6)

God Created us to BE the Light of the world

- Designed to reflect His **Glory** (Is. 49:1,3)
- Crafted for His **Purposes** (v. 2; Eph. 2:10)
- Filled with His **Love** and Power (v. 6; Acts 13:47; Matt. 5:14; Eph. 3:14-21; Acts 1:7-8)

God Commissioned us to CARRY the Light to the world

- We are **Servants** with clear orders from our Master (v. 3; Matt. 28:19; Mark 13:10; Luke 24:47)
- Our Mission is to bring the **Name** of Jesus to the Nations (v. 6; Acts 13:47; John 9:5; Acts 4:12, 9:15)
- The need is **Urgent** to reach the remaining unreached people groups (Rom. 1:18; see www.joshuaproject.net)

Connect

1. What are the similarities and differences between walking through a house when the lights are on versus when the lights are off? What feelings do you have in each scenario?
2. How would you relate the themes of "light and darkness" to the condition of people's hearts? (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

Read Isaiah 49:1-6

Discuss

3. What does it mean that God has made Christians to be "a light for the nations?" How does our own brokenness impact the shining of this light?
4. What does Isaiah 49:2 teach us about God's purpose for us in evangelism?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (see Eph 3:19) How does this affect your evangelism efforts?
6. Pastor Darin said, "*DOING always follows BEING*" in relation to our evangelistic effectiveness. What does this mean? Why is it a healthy perspective?

Apply

7. What must happen before Christ returns? (see Matthew 24:12) How does this influence us? Are we able to quicken the return of Christ? (see 2 Peter 3:12).

8. We learn in Ephesians 2:10 that we are each a unique masterpiece created by God. How has God uniquely crafted you to reach others with the Gospel?
9. Pastor Darin said, "*Our biggest struggles are arguably our best opportunities to point others to Jesus.*" Do you agree? How have you found this to be true in your life?
10. In what ways are you investing your life to spread God's glory? In what ways are you wasting your life? How can this change?

Pray

11. William Carey said, "*Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.*" In relation to evangelism, share what you would like to see God do. Then pray that the Holy Spirit would empower you to attempt those great things He calls you to.