

Home group questions for Prepare the Way”

Isaiah 62, 27th March: Claire Morrish

Read Isaiah 62 – together.

Consider its’ impact on 3 levels of audience:

1 The original audience Isaiah wrote it for: the Israelites at this point returning to Jerusalem after 70 years in exile. How would it have inspired and encouraged them?

2. God’s people today: the church – What speaks of Christ and how does that encourage and inspire us as the Church today?

3. You as an individual – in what way is the Holy Spirit bringing this word alive to speak into your heart, life and situation right now? What verses or images contained within Isaiah 62, particularly speak to you today?

Consider these verses in more detail:

Verse 3 : The people of God are to be a royal crown in the hand of their Lord – How does this image speak to you?

How and how often do you practice repentance and forgiveness, as a way to keep your crown untarnished?

In what ways are life’s hard times creating in you precious gemstones that can better reflect Jesus, light of the World? Or What people do you see as precious gemstones – who reflect Jesus Light of the world beautifully despite the hard circumstances this earthly life has thrown at them?

Verse 5: How does this image of God delighting over his people as a bridegroom does over his Bride change or deepen your understanding of God’s love for you?

Verse 10: In what ways will you be preparing the way?

What “stones” do you think need moving, to make sure that all those who Jesus longs to delight over, will be able to enter the New Jerusalem?

How often do you pray “Thy Kingdom Come”?

Who are the watchmen posted on the walls by God today? (v.6) and how can you do your shift on the watch to ensure prayer is never ceasing day or night?

Finally if you have time:

Who are the “Miss Stanleys” in your life? If you can thank them before it is too late.

What worship songs from your childhood have inspired you as adults?

Are there any words from old hymns you are yet to understand?