

Summerlink week 4: 28 July 2021: Isaiah 62:1–63:6

**God's concern for all peoples is to bless them
through a king who saves through judgement**

Interview

Introduction

- The story so far in Isaiah:
 - Failed old Jerusalem
 - Successful new Jerusalem
 - perfect justice, evil defeated, no death...
 - that will bless all peoples
 - made up of humble listeners of God's good news from all nations
- Isaiah 62—salvation proclaimed to all peoples by the anointed one.
- But how is this blessing achieved?

Group discussion

1. In chapter 63: what did the main character do? How is his action related to the proclaimed salvation in chapter 62?
2. How do we feel about it? Does this surprise/shock us? Does it make sense?

Talk

- Who is the man in red? (63:1)
 - “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”
- Why are his clothes red? (63:2–6)
 - Trampled in the winepress of the nations
 - To bring salvation!
- How shall we respond?

Group discussion and prayer

1. How does Isaiah want us to feel about this day of vengeance? Is this a future that we hope for?
2. How is this news of judgement actually good news for all peoples?
3. In light of this, how can we best love and bless people from all nations in our lives as individuals and as church?