



# KING OF THE WORLD

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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

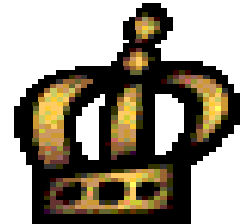
- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Hero or Zero

### Introduction to Isaiah 49-57

The question we always seem to have about our leaders is whether they are going to be heroes, riding to our rescue, or zeroes, completely letting us down. As the Jews looked forward to the coming of their Messiah they were firmly convinced that He would be their hero. This week’s study portrays another aspect of God’s leader—He was to be a servant, and be treated as such in many ways. This was completely contrary to the popular conception of God’s leader. However, Isaiah presented the mission of the Messiah as one of service. God called Him to restore not only Israel to Himself, but also the nations of the earth. Even though kings would despise Him as a servant, He was chosen of God for this mission. He would be dependant on God, and through His ministry the land of Zion, or

Judah, would be cramped because of its heavy repopulation. The Servant would be given the ability to encourage, to listen to God, to obey, and to persevere in the mission. Although He would be humiliated, through Him God’s salvation would come to those who trusted in Him. God’s judgment would pass from His people to those who tormented them, leading His people to the expectation of happiness, peace and salvation. Because the Lord had “bared His holy arm”, a reference to His Servant, His people would go into battle with the Lord in front of and behind them. This would all happen through the method of the Servant which was suffering. As He bore the sins, grief and wounds of His people He would suffer greatly, a fact which would make belief in Him difficult for the Jews,



**As the King of the world God deserves all our loyalty.**

who were looking for a different type of hero. This, however, would lead to the success of the Servant, who would bring salvation to Israel through this method. Their boundaries would be enlarged, and everyone who was thirsty could drink of God’s water of salvation for no cost except faith. This would lead them to fulfill God’s justice and righteousness, and anyone who did this would participate in the coming blessings. Due to His ministry, all nations would go to His house to pray; He was truly a hero, not a zero.

## Daily Study Questions for Isaiah 49-57

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.thehospitalchurch.com/small groups/ABFs/leader resources](http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/small_groups/ABFs/leader_resources))

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| 1. Read Isaiah 49:1-8. Who will God’s Servant represent (v3), and what will He be like (v1-2, 3, 5)? What is His mission (v5, 6), and what will God do for Him (v1, 3, 6, 7-8)? |  |
| 2. In 49:14-22, 24-26 what did God promise His people (v15, 16, 18-20, 22, 25)? What would the result be (v26)?   |  |
| 3. From 50:4-11 how is God’s Servant further described (4, 5) what will happen to Him (v6), and of what is He confident (v7, 8, 9)? Apply.                                      |  |

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## Isaiah 49-57 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From 51:1-3, 4-8, and 21-23 how will Zion (Judah) be blessed (v1-2, 3) and what will they wait for (4, 5, 8)? Who does God's judgment await (v22-23)?

5. Based on 52:1-12 what will happen to God's people (v3, 7, 8, 9, 12)? How will God do this (v10)?

6. Read 52:13-53:3. How will God's Servant begin (52:13, 53:2), and then what will happen to Him (52:14, 53:2-3)?

7. Using 53:4-12 in what ways did God's Servant suffer (v4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)? What did this do for His people (v4, 5, 6, 7, 11)?

8. In 54:1-17 whose success does the Servant secure (v5-8)? In what ways are they successful (v1, 3, 4-5, 10, 11-12, 13, 16-17), and how are they to prepare for it (v2)? Apply.

9. According to 55:1-13 who gets God's blessing (v1), and how (v1, 2, 3, 6, 7)? Why is His blessing certain (v8-11, 12-13)?

10. From 56:1-12 who is God's salvation for (v1-2, 3-5)? What will he do for them (v7)?

11. Based on 57:1-21 what will God do for the righteous (v1-2, 15)? How will the unrighteous act (v3-14), and how do they feel (v20-21)?

### Scripture to Remember

*"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near."*

**Isaiah 55:6 (NAS)**

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### Life Group Questions—Let's Get Real About Life

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Throw out the word, "conflict". What's the first thing that comes to mind? What are some other ways of looking at that?
2. Read James 4:1-2. Think of some different types of conflict, and apply the 3 stages (honeymoon, the party's over, let's make a deal) to them. What causes conflict?
3. From 1 Peter 3:8-14 think about the first step of resolving conflict: harmony. How would you define that, and how does it come about—what does "blending" mean?
4. Discuss the difference between sympathy and empathy. Why are both important for moving from conflict to unity?
5. How does brotherly love, kind-heartedness and a humble spirit all work together to promote unity in any situation. Where do you need to apply this right now?
6. Everybody share with the group one person that they can bless this week.
7. Bring up anything else important to you from Sunday's message if there is time.