



FOR THE
DISPLAY
OF HIS
SPLENDOR
ISAIAH 61:3

GROUP GUIDE

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who
are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of
ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be
glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and
vinedressers;
⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our
God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double
portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their
lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a
double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.
⁸ For I the Lord love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;¹
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with
them.
⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the
nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the
peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the Lord has
blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with
a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

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1. What brings you delight and joy? Share why that something or someone stirs joy in you.
2. Read Isaiah 61:1-11.
 - a. How would you summarize God's redemptive vision in verses 1 to 10?
 - b. How does this chapter move toward response? Consider the place of verses 10-11 to verses 1-10.
3. Read the following two stories from Jesus' life in Luke 10:38-42 and Matthew 22:34-40. Then, discuss the following:
 - a. What principle do you think Jesus is trying to instill in these stories?
 - b. Is doing for God (serving, helping others, etc.) wrong?
 - c. How should our doing for God flow from our being with God?
 - d. What happens when we get the order wrong?
4. How are good, earthly things both a shadow of and a signpost to the deeper joy we were made for?
5. Using Isaiah 61:10, discuss the two different sources of delight:
 - a. Delight in what God has done
 - b. Delight in God himself
6. How is delighting in what God gives different than delighting in God for God?
7. Delight will look different for different people but at Central Heights we believe there are three essentials to cultivate and express delight: prayer, worship, and Scripture.
 - a. Which of these three can you commit to undertake this week to cultivate a delight in Jesus?
 - b. What will that look like? Make a plan.





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[LEADERS NOTES]

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>