



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 is the worst job you've ever had? Share why.
2. Read Isaiah 61:1-3.
 - a. Why is it important that Isaiah 61 begins with what the Anointed One (Jesus) does for us?
 - b. According to the last part of verse 3, what is the outcome of what Jesus does for us?
3. Isaiah uses an oak tree to illustrate the kind of disciples we are to be and become. As you reflect on that, discuss the following:
 - a. What are some characteristics of an oak tree?
 - b. How are those illustrative of the kind of disciples we are to be and become?
 - c. What is the ultimate purpose of a disciple's life according to this verse?
4. Discuss the following two statements about righteousness and what they mean for your life as a follower of Jesus.
 - a. God declares us righteous through our faith in Jesus.
 - b. Discipleship is entering into a lifelong journey with Jesus where we partner with God to become more like him.
5. Becoming like Jesus takes time, intentionality, and patience. What are some of the obstacles or challenges you experience in pursuing righteousness?
6. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus invites us to live the way of the easy yoke and light burden. How is this different from the common perception that following Jesus is all about rules and duty?
7. Every oak tree begins with a small acorn. What is one thing you can do this week to increase intentionality in your discipleship journey with Jesus? Share that with the group.





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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>