



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. Where is your most restful and comforting place? Share what that is and why it is so meaningful to you.
2. Read Joshua 3:1-5.
 - a. What stands out to you from this passage?
 - b. Why do you think God highlighted that for you?
3. You often hear how God will keep every promise he's made. How is God keeping his promise to Israel in Joshua 3 and 4? Consider Exodus 3:7-8.
4. In verse 1, God moves Israel out of a place they had called home for 40 years. As you consider this, discuss the following:
 - a. Why does God disrupt our comfort at times?
 - b. When things get uncomfortable or God asks you to take a step of faith, what are your initial thoughts and feelings?
 - c. When your comfort gets challenged, what has helped you in those moments?
5. Discuss the following statements:
 - a. Whenever God wants to move in power, he starts with moving his people.
 - b. We say 'no' to Shittim (place of comfort) because we want to be where God is.
6. Consecration is a beautiful word meaning to be set apart as holy, to commit yourself to a person (God) and a purpose (his mission in the world).
 - a. What is your first reaction to the idea of consecration?
 - b. What does it look like for you to consecrate yourself to God and to living out our vision from Isaiah 61?
7. In order for us to see Isaiah 61 come to life, we will have to choose consecration over comfort. Take a moment to ask God what consecration looks like for you as an individual and as a group. Then, pray and commit yourself to live this out for God's splendor and glory.



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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:

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