

Going deeper

Isaiah 52 is part of a section of Isaiah written to the Jews in exile. It is written to offer them hope and comfort, to assure them that God has not forgotten them, but that he will redeem them.

Read Isaiah 52:4-12

4. Which key moment in Israel's history does God compare the exile of Israel in Isaiah's time? How would that comparison encourage them?

5. What reasons does God give for acting to redeem his people in verses 5-6?

6. What is the good news spoken about in verse 7. How is this like the good news that Jesus brings in the gospels?

7. What is the response that the good news should cause?

8. How does the call of verse 11 link to Jesus's call to repentance?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

GROWTH TEAMS



**Week Beginning
Sunday 24th September 2017**

Growth Team News

In many ways Sunday services are not enough to support us in our Christian life. We all need the mutual support of a smaller group of closer Christians. Growth Teams are a great place to find that. If you are not a member then please do consider giving one a go.

If there is not one at a time you can make or you are not sure about the Christian faith and want to look at the basics, then do consider joining one of our new Explore Teams starting in October.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

The Message and the Messengers

Mark 1:14-20 (page 1002)

Space to take notes on the talk

The Message:

✓ G_____ N_____

✓ G_____ is A_____

✓ G_____ on B_____

The Messengers:

➤ L_____ their O_____ L_____

➤ F_____ J_____

➤ C_____ P_____ to G_____ on B_____

Starter question

- ❖ What is the best news you have heard this year?

Responding to the talk

1. What most encouraged, challenged or upset you about this week's talk?
2. Read Mark 1:14-15
 - a. How might Jesus and the followers of John have been feeling at this time?
 - b. Compare 1:1 and 1:15. What is the 'Good News'?
 - c. What does it mean that the 'Kingdom of God' had come near?
 - d. Why do people need to respond to the Good News with repentance and faith?
3. Read Mark 1:16-20
 - a. Read John 1:35-42. What previous experience did the disciples have of Jesus?
 - b. How do these verses demonstrate Jesus's authority?
 - c. What did the fishermen sacrifice to follow Jesus?
 - d. What was Jesus calling the disciples to do?
 - e. Read Mark 16:7. What is the significance of Jesus wanting to meet the disciples in Galilee after his resurrection?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. How as Christians can we keep on rejoicing in the good news about Jesus?
10. What stops Christians being effective 'fishers of men' today?