

A Life of Hope

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'A MISSION OF LIGHT'

ISAIAH 42:1-7

Israel's mission was to live God's wisdom so completely that the surrounding nations would see and also give glory to God. He chose Israel as His people to love and bless as a sign of hope. God's mission in the world has not changed. The story of Israel helps us to see who God is and who we are called to be.

1. Read the Scripture passage and discuss whether the following is a reasonable summary - "His mission is to overwhelm the world with his love and compassion"!
2. What would 'bringing Justice to people' look like?
3. In what way did God entrust the Israelites to be a witness to neighbouring nations?
4. What is meant by the second part of verse 4? (eagerly wait)
5. How would you identify, or describe, the oppressed these days?
6. What place did God's law take in Israelite's influence upon its neighbours?
7. In choosing compassion rather than the law, God gave His people a choice! Why did He do this? What is the outcome?
8. Discuss how the advent of Jesus is a continuation of what God intended for Israel to do.