



## CONVERSATION STARTER

When you think about “peace” in the biblical sense (not necessarily the absence of conflict but the presence of God) what comes to mind? Where in your life do you currently long for God’s peace to break in?

## DEEPER

### Read Isaiah 42:10-17

1. In verses 10-12, we’re told to sing a new song to the Lord and to sing his praises to the end of the earth. What does this look like for you personally? What does your genuine praise look like practically?
2. Justin reminded us that we often grow impatient waiting on God to act. And oftentimes, our impatience can grow deeper into dread and despair. Can you relate to this? How so? What types of things are you often impatient about to the point where God’s peace feels far from you?
3. We often cling to our idols in times where God seems silent, hoping that they’ll provide us peace we long for. What kinds of idols do you commonly put your faith in? What’s the result?
4. What promises has God made to you that you need to rest in and ground your hope in as you go through periods of impatience, dread, or despair?
5. Isaiah describes God leading the blind in paths they do not know. How does God’s light function as guidance in our lives, both practically and spiritually? How does this differ from human attempts to “bring light” to our own paths?
6. Isaiah 42 points forward to a Servant who is the Light? How does it do so?
7. What stood out to you the most in the sermon? What is your greatest takeaway?

- 8. Be a blessing.** As schedules start to fill up during this Christmas season, who can you call or text right now and invite to join you at one of our Christmas Eve services? Before you conclude your group meeting, each member should aim to invite at least one person to a Christmas Eve service at Gateway Church.

## NOTES

## PRAYER PROMPT

As a group, pray that God's light and peace would be evident in the lives of those who are struggling, especially around this time of year.