

Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-9

Summary

The Book of Isaiah contains several passages known as "Servant Songs" (42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12; 61:1-4). These passages reveal the person and work of the Servant of the LORD. We are meant to learn about biblical servanthood by looking to this Servant, trusting in him, and following in his footsteps. In Isaiah 42:1-9, we learn that the Servant is obedient, humble, gentle and compassionate. His mission is to bring forth justice to the nations. We are all unfaithful, rebellious

servants. But God has sent His Servant to save sinners like us, for His own glory. We are called to humble ourselves, to trust in God's Servant, and to imitate his example of servanthood.

Sermon in a sentence

Jesus is the Servant-King who comes in humility, gentleness and compassion to save sinners. All who follow Jesus are to imitate his example of servanthood.

Main Points

- I. A Tale of Two Servants
- II. Beholding the Faithful Servant
 - A. The Servant's character and work
 - B. The Servant's success

Other Scriptures:

Matthew 3:13-17; 12:15-21; John 13:1-20;
Philippians 2:1-11

Questions

1. What is our understanding of servanthood and service?
2. How does Isaiah 42:1-9 describe the character of the Servant of the LORD? What would it look like for us to emulate him?
3. How does Isaiah 42:1-9 describe the Servant's mission? What would it look like for us to align our lives to his mission?
4. What are some things that hinder us from serving others in a Christ-like manner? What do we need to repent of in order to serve others more faithfully?
5. What are some ways that you can serve others in a Christ-like manner?
6. How can we encourage one another to serve?

Think On This

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But sit shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

RHC Core Values

Gospel-Centredness – To have the gospel in the centre of our ministry, and for everything we do to find its root in the gospel.

Experiential Faith – To actively seek the modern day work of the Holy Spirit, expecting him to move in our midst in signs and wonders, and to lead us to the will of God.

Theological Depth – To pursue a deep and soul satisfying knowledge and understanding of God through the Bible.

Community on Mission – To recognise that we are not here for ourselves, but are on a mission to bring the gospel to the world.

City Renewal – To see the gospel change every aspect of the city we are living in by doing social justice, integrating our faith and work, and seeing the city renewed culturally, socially and spiritually for the glory of God.