JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE TOGETHER

GET INTO THE WORD

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday,
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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Growing in the MARCS of a disciple every day!

OCTOBER FOCUS - REPRODUCIBLE

Select a questionbelow to askthegroup togaugehow you are growing in the MARCS of a disciple.

1. Who are you intentionally investing in spiritually right now?
2. Are you multiplying what you're receiving, or mostly consuming it?
3. How am I leaving a legacy that matters?

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 52 calls God's people to wake up, shake off captivity, and remember who they are. That same call speaks to us: we are not defined by fear, failure, comfort, or circumstance, but by God's redeeming grace. We must consider where we may have grown spiritually sleepy and how God is inviting us to respond. The good news has reached us through others, and now we each have a part to play in carrying it forward.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Missions Sunday

READ ALOUD

Isaiah 52:1-2 and 7-10

DISCUSS

Opening Question

Are you the type who jumps out of bed when the alarm goes off, or do you hit snooze a few times?

- God calls Zion to "wake up," "put on your strength," and "shake the dust off." What do these commands reveal about God's view of His people, even while they are in exile and captivity?
- In Isaiah 52:7–10, the message being announced is peace, good news, salvation, and "Your God reigns." How does this point forward to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Have someone read aloud **Romans 10:13-15**.

- Romans describes a chain: sending, preaching, hearing, believing, calling, and salvation. What does this passage teach about God's role and our role in the mission of the gospel?
- What are some biblical ways Christians can participate in gospel mission through praying, going, sharing, sending, and giving?

DISCUSS & APPLY

- How can believers today "wake up" to their identity in Christ when circumstances, sin, suffering, or shame seem to define them? Which Scriptures help you remember who you are in Christ?
- The gospel reached you on someone else's feet. Who carried it to you, and who is God placing in your path to carry it to next?
- How can you bring the gospel to those who need it this week?

See the 3 Circles resource for sharing the gospel at namb.com/3circles

Mission Sunday
How are you currently involved, or how would you like to get involved in missions locally or abroad? Scan the QR code or visit the link to see available opportunities.
longhollow.com/missions

Praying as a Church - Even Greater Prayer Week 4
(Share and pick some to pray through as a group.)

Advancing the Hope
Day One - How God might use you and your family to give toward the expansion of His Kingdom through Long Hollow, and where He's asking you to faithfully invest.

Day Two - That God would use the new Long Hollow South campus to reach new communities with the Gospel and bring hope to the people of Hendersonville.

Day Three - As the Gallatin Campus grows, God would fill it with spiritual growth that transforms lives and impacts the whole community.

Day Four - That God would lead Long Hollow's church-planting initiative to communities where new churches are needed and raise up pastors to start and lead them well.

Day Five - For the missions cohorts, pipelines, and training Long Hollow is building, that they would raise up faithful missionaries and reach more people around the world with the Gospel.

Day Six - That what we build today would shape the legacy of those who come after us, and that God would use our faithfulness for lasting, generational impact.

Day Seven - That our motto, "We don't give to Long Hollow; we give through Long Hollow," would be lived out in this season, as we give sacrificially and see Even Greater things.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Isaiah52:1-10

In Isaiah 52:1–2, God says, "Wake up, wake up." What do you think God wanted His people to remember?
For younger kids, help them see that God wanted His people to remember they belonged to Him; older kids can talk about how we forget our identity when life is hard.

God told His people to "put on strength" and "shake off the dust." What are some things that can make us feel weak, stuck, or far from God?
For little ones, let them name things like fear, sadness, or bad choices; older kids can discuss shame, peer pressure, failure, or believing lies about themselves.

Isaiah 52:7 says it is beautiful when someone brings good news. Who told you about Jesus, and who could you share His good news with?
Younger children might name parents, teachers, or friends and think of one person to invite or pray for; older children can consider how their words, friendships, and choices can point others to Jesus.

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A YEAR-LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Week 39

- Micah 1 / Job 3
- Micah 5 / Job 4 2
- 2 Kings 17 / Job 5
- 2 Kings 18 / Job 6
- 2 Kings 19 / Job 7

MEMORIZE: James 1:2-4, James 2:17

Even Greater
evengreatervision.com

For more information about Even Greater, visit our our webpage above or scan the QR code.

Wait / Hear - Resources
Robby Gallaty

Visit waithearchallenge.com or scan the QR for more resource and the 7-week challenge.

RESOURCES

More Information about Missions LH

You can sign up to recieve email updates from the Missions Team at my.longhollow.com/page/1322

The Bible Project's Guide - Isaiah

See a collection of videos, classes, and articles that dives into **Isaiah** and its themes.

What's Going On at Long Hollow

Long Hollow Pickleball League- October 15-November 19, 6PM, Pickleball Kingdom
Owning Your Faith - Sundays in November, 11AM, Atrium next to the Information Area.
Food For Families - Sundays, November 1-15 Drop offs at both Hendersonville and Gallatin campuses.

Starting a D-Group

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.
longhollow.com/dgroups

What's Going On?

Isaiah 52:1–10 opens with urgent calls for Jerusalem to awaken and shed its captive status—to dress in dignity, stand upright, and remove the chains binding it. The passage moves from exhortation to theological explanation, then to proclamation of restoration.

God's redemptive action forms the passage's core: though Israel was sold into captivity without compensation, redemption will come without payment in silver, recalling how the people first went to Egypt and later suffered oppression from Assyria. (Isa 52:1–10) The Lord laments that his people were taken for nothing while their rulers wail and his name is blasphemed, yet he promises that through this deliverance, the people will know his identity and power. (Isa 52:1–10)

The passage then celebrates a messenger bringing news of peace and salvation, announcing that God reigns in Zion. (Isa 52:1–10) Watchmen shout with joy as the Lord returns to Jerusalem, having comforted and redeemed his people, displaying his power so that all nations witness God's salvation. (Isa 52:1–10)

Within Isaiah's larger structure, these verses depict a future moment when Zion becomes holy through God's forgiveness of sins, setting the stage for the Servant poem that follows (52:13–53:12), which explains how forgiveness comes through the Servant's death and connects to the proclamation of good news about peace and God's reign. The passage's movement progresses from calling the exiles to transition from mourning to celebration, to singing in anticipation of God's festive return to Jerusalem, to preparing for departure, culminating in the nations' astonishment at what God accomplishes.

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A Bit of Background Context

Isaiah 52:1–10 opens with an urgent call for Zion to awaken and clothe itself in strength and beautiful garments, marking a dramatic shift from the preceding lament. The passage summons the city back to consciousness after destruction and captivity, replacing captive clothing with garments of dignity—transforming Zion from slave to queen.

The passage functions within a larger narrative arc of restoration. Isaiah draws on exodus themes when addressing exiles in Babylon, declaring a new liberation from captivity that would take them from slavery to freedom. God promises redemption without payment in silver (Isa 52:1–10), emphasizing that restoration flows from divine grace rather than human transaction.

The passage recalls how Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon oppressed Israel "without cause"—acting from unrighteous motives while serving as God's instruments of judgment—yet God retains the right to reclaim His people freely. This historical review establishes the theological foundation for what follows: God will make Himself known, declaring "Here I am" (Isa 52:1–10).

The passage's climax centers on the messenger. A messenger bearing news of peace, happiness, and salvation approaches—and though his feet may be dusty from travel, they possess beauty because the message itself transforms the messenger's significance. The proclamation "Your God reigns" directly counters ancient Near Eastern assumptions that military defeat meant divine defeat; restoration proves God's sovereignty and confirms Jerusalem as His chosen capital.

The watchmen witness the Lord's return to Zion, calling all to rejoice as God displays His holy arm before the nations, revealing salvation to the earth's ends (Isa 52:1–10).

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ISAIAH 52:1–2

"Wake up, wake up; put on your strength, Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean will no longer enter you. Stand up, shake the dust off yourself! Take your seat, Jerusalem. Remove the bonds from your neck, captive Daughter Zion."

ISAIAH 52:7–10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns! " The voices of your watchmen — they lift up their voices, shouting for joy together; for every eye will see when the LORD returns to Zion. Be joyful, rejoice together, you ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has displayed his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

MISSIONAL
Engaging with the world to share the Gospel intentionally.

ACCOUNTABLE
Being transparent with Christ and other believers about your walk.

REPRODUCIBLE
Disciples who make disciples; the mentee becomes the mentor.

COMMUNAL
Living in deep community with other believers; never alone.

SCRIPTURAL
Grounded in the Word of God as the ultimate authority.



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