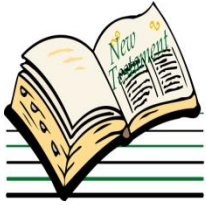


# Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The In-breaking of True Freedom Through the Gospel"

Text: Isaiah 61:1-11

Theme: The Gospel has broken into our world. The transformation of the world cannot be stopped. Because of the work of Christ, the Church is at the center of this transformation. We are agents of this worldwide renovation.

I. The Work of the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Servant  
(1-4)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's People in Promoting Freedom and  
Joy (5-7)

III. Israel's Blessing and Influence Will \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9)

IV. The Nations Will \_\_\_\_\_ the Freedom of the  
Gospel (10-11)

V. Applications

A. The In-breaking of \_\_\_\_\_  
began when \_\_\_\_\_ came.

B. The Gospel is the most \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. This means it cannot be  
\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ you as an \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ freedom.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 63:1-6

<p>Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:</p>
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1. About whom is the beginning of this passage talking (v. 1)?
2. Who is active upon this person (v. 1a)?
3. What does this person do (name two actions, vv. 1b-2)? Discuss how Jesus did this in His ministry on earth.
4. What will the recipients of this person's work be called (v. 3b)? What does this mean?
5. What will these people do (v. 4)?
6. How will other people respond to those who receive the work of the Servant (v. 5)?
7. What else will the redeemed be called (v. 6a)?
8. What status will the redeemed have in the eyes of others (vv. 6b-7c)? What kind of life will they have (v. 7d)?
9. What is the reason for the elevated status of God's people (v. 8)?
10. What kind of legacy and influence will the righteous have (v. 9)?
11. Who is the one delighting greatly in the LORD (v. 10)?
12. What kind of impact and effect will the work of God's Servant have throughout the world? Why (v. 11)?
13. Has this prophecy of Isaiah been fulfilled? When? How?
14. If the Gospel is the power of God, why is the Church being persecuted today?
15. What are some of the ways that you see the LORD using you to advance the Gospel?

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