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**Week 2 Sermon, December 10, 2023**

**Isaiah 49:1-13 – *Born to Redeem***

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why did Jesus come to earth? From eternity past, this is His work: the servant who provided redemption. What does the Servant Song of Isaiah 49 say about redemption? What is it? How much does/did it cost? Who is the Redeemer? What is our position before this Redeemer?

2. The third verse of *"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"* states:

See the price of our redemption:  
See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory;  
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

What are some other hymns or songs that minister to your soul and help clarify the truth of Scripture for you?

3. Some might say that God was delayed in sending the promised Messiah. What does Romans 11:25-28 about the timing?
  4. In verses 4-6 of chapter 49, Isaiah speaks of the humiliation of the servant of God. The prophets and the children of God have long been able to echo the words of verse 4a, growing weary in faithfully proclaiming the truths of God. Yet Isaiah remembers it is only God's work that ultimately matters (verse 4b). How do you comfort others (or yourself) who say, *"I have labored in vain?"* Ask for prayer in the ways you struggle being a servant for God.
  5. Christ is a pledge of God's faithfulness given for the covenant, as well as the Mediator of it. What was His mission (see 1 Peter 1:18)? According to verses 9-10, what are some of the things Christ will accomplish for His chosen ones? Think of someone in your life who has yet to respond to His irresistible grace. How diligently are you praying for his/her redemption?
  6. Turn to Ephesians 1 and read verses 7-12 out loud. Meditate on these verses and thank God for His lavish grace. Respond to Him with rejoicing and the worship of your heart. *To the praise of His glory!*
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