



Have you ever had to rescue an animal from a precarious situation? What would have happened if you hadn't intervened?



Isaiah 64:4 ^{NIV} Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.



We are a people who need saving, and because of our situation, God is the only one who can do it.

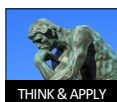


READ ISAIAH 64:1-3

1. What are God's people asking him to do?

2. What will happen if God comes down to earth?

3. What time would they be recalling in verse 3 when God did come down? (How did the people respond to God that time?)



READ ISAIAH 64:4-7

4. Who does God come to the aid of? (v.4&5)



5. What is the big problem then? (v.5b-7)

6. What are people 'given over to' according to Isaiah? Who allows this to happen, and do you think it still goes on today? (see Romans 1:21-27)



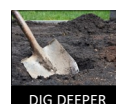
7. How many people are facing this problem with sin, and what will happen to them? (What is the illustration of the leaf telling us here?)

READ ISAIAH 64:8-12

8. What hope does Isaiah point out for us to cling to in verse 8?

9. What does Isaiah do in verse 9? Who is he casting himself upon and begging for mercy?

10. How many people need to do this very same thing?



Read Romans 1:18-32

How have people behaved (v.21) even though they knew who God was?

What is being revealed to people (v.18)?

What is God's righteous decree concerning the actions of mankind? (v.32)

Who is affected by such behaviour according to Paul in Romans 3:9-11?

What can we do about it?



11. What has happened previously when people have called out to God and begged him for mercy and rescue?

12. What is the current state of their place of worship and their city? (v.10-11)

13. Read Ezekiel 37:26-28. What does God promise his people about his dwelling place?

14. How is the plight of God's people in the exile still an example for us today in the Callide Valley? (How many of us are affected by sin and need rescuing?)

15. Recap what are the things God's Servant will come and do according to Isaiah, and how we need Jesus to do these things for us?

16. Where does Jesus promise to dwell with us? How might this knowledge give us hope today and every day in the future?



Pray together about the encouragement and challenge raised by God's Word through this study. Note prayer points below for your partners in the gospel (Growth Group members)

Growth Group members	Unbelieving friends



Daily Devotions – each day, via e-mail.

Sunday Sermon - available at www.cvpc.org.au

Sunday School Message & Questions will be a pdf available on the website as well as a video at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41vnmccocZ1A>



How should we remember what Jesus has done as we approach Easter?

Pray that in trying circumstances we would be encouraged to live lives that bring glory and praise and honour to God.



ISAIAH 40-66

NIV Ezekiel 37:26-28 ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.'"

Pray that we might be men and women who follow Christ Jesus and live lives of integrity in the sight of God. Pray that we might know what it means to be set free by Jesus.

Pray that we would live lives that bring honour to God and that this would be a powerful witness in our community of a people who are growing TOGETHER in Christ Jesus.

ask God to help us to stand firm in the gospel, and to remember that we are a part of a church family with the task of taking the gospel to the world.

pray also: for containment of the Corona Virus and those working on a cure.

for the ministry of Rod and Nat McLennan in Emerald

for those in nursing homes across our state.



for Sunday's bible talk and next week's study read...

Isaiah 65-66