

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Good News from on High

Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Date: 8th December 2024 (AM)

Below are some questions that might help generate discussion. The passage is short so you might like to just read it and discuss some of the things from Sunday's sermon together and allow a free-flowing discussion instead... either way is fine!

## **7-8: Good News...**

1. Read verses 7-8. How does the poetry capture more than just the mere sentiment that God's people 'get good news'? How does the language take you deeper into the emotion and richness of what God has done?
2. How did you feel on Sunday when you pictured yourself in the city waiting for news of the runner? How does that help capture something of Jesus bringing news of salvation to us?

## **9-10 Good News... of comfort and rescue**

*Read verses 9-10.*

3. Alicia has had a very hard year, with numerous issues in her immediate family and a change of boss at work which has made life much harder than she imagined it would be. She feels like God has been more distant than ever and wonders if her faith will struggle on into 2025. How do these words offer perspective and comfort for her?
4. Oscar found v10 very confusing. He wonders why so many people in the world don't seem to know Jesus when these verses talk about a world-wide salvation. What might you say to him?

## **Activity**

Think of 2-3 people who were influential in your own story of hearing the gospel (Sunday school teachers, neighbours, a friend who gave you a book etc.) Share an example with your group and give thanks together for all those who passed the message onto you.

*Extra - could you write a quick text or leave a message to ONE person from your list thanking them for encouraging you to follow Jesus. That could be a very precious gift this Christmas.*