

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to [fopc.org/sermon](http://fopc.org/sermon) or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

### KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

#### Isaiah 42:1-9

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

<sup>5</sup>This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it; <sup>6</sup>"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

#### Isaiah 42:18-22

<sup>18</sup>"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." <sup>21</sup>It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. <sup>22</sup>But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons. They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot, with no one to say, "Send them back."

### PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from our key passage or the sermon this week?
2. We spent a lot of time talking about being blind and deaf.
  - What are some examples (from culture, our church, or your own life) that we could be blind or deaf toward?
  - What about our relationship with the God?
3. In verses 1-9 we are given a description of the perfect servant.
  - What are some of the verses that stand out to you?
  - We know that the servant depicted here is Jesus. Share how Jesus has moved in your life. How he has set you free? What he has set you free from? How did it feel when you first felt that freedom and grace? Do you still feel that way now?
4. Read through verses 18-22.
  - Spend some time comparing ancient Israel with the modern Church.
  - As a Life Group, or as a church, what steps can we take in order to not suffer from spiritual blindness and deafness? Can you share a way you can work on this personally, in the lives of others, and for our church?
5. Read Isaiah 43:1 as a group. Have each person read it once out loud. Then share what the Spirit is speaking to you, or what sticks out to you.

### PRAY [Have someone close in prayer.]