

CHRISTMAS

— THE PROMISE ARRIVING

MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

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Isaiah 42:1-9

1. What are the Christmas season traditions your family does every year? How and why did you start doing them?

2. What are the most troubling injustices you see in our world today? What solutions to those injustices are commonly offered by you or our political leaders? Why don't so many of those solutions not work?

3. How does the knowledge that Jesus will bring justice on the earth make you feel? How will he do it? In what ways is his approach to justice in Isaiah 42:2-4 different than the way justice is usually executed in our world?

4. Do you agree or disagree that Christians are agents of Jesus' justice in the world today? Why? If you agree, what does it look like for us to bring his justice?

5. How does Jesus become a covenant for people (Isaiah 42:6)?

6. Why do Christians, who are "people of the light", live like those in darkness? What does it look like to live in darkness? How do you motivate Christians to live in the light? How does Ephesians 5:3-10 address this issue?

7. What causes believers to doubt that the promise of a just and blessed future will come to fruition? If and when you doubt God's promises, what helps you overcome those doubts?
