

## Isaiah 12 – Drawing On The Depths



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### **Introduction**

Isaiah 12 is a chapter of celebration. Isaiah is able to rejoice because he has seen what God is like and what God promises for the future even though the context of God's people was pretty dire at the time. God is a bigger reality for Isaiah than his immediate circumstances are.

Some opening questions:

If we were all to make individual resolutions for self-improvement today, what would people want to change about themselves? How would you want to grow?

(Don't feel the need to be too sincere in the answers to this question – it's just an opening question so light-hearted suggestions are fine)

### **Digging In**

Read Isaiah 12

*Q: What is striking about God's character that is revealed in verse 1?*

*Q: Why do you think we don't often think of God's anger today?*

*Q: What does the end of verse 1 reveal had happened to God's anger?*

If your LG want to keep looking deeper into this and particularly if you did the study on Isaiah 6 a couple of weeks ago...

*Q: Have a quick look back at Isaiah 6 verse 6 to 7; what happens here in order for the God's anger (his firey holiness) to not burn Isaiah.*

*Q: How does this help us to understand how God's anger is turned aside by Jesus at the cross?*

*Q: Why does it become so important then that Jesus is God himself and not some innocent bystander?*

*Q: What are the 4 characteristics of people who are saved that we see in verse 2?*

(Trusting, Fearless, Strong, Singing)

*Q: What does each of those really mean – it's easy to list them off isn't it – but what does it actually mean for a Christian to be Trusting/Fearless/Strong/Singing?*

(This is the kind of question that the answer to should be a pretty open conversation that goes in a few directions)

*Q: It would be very possible for us to start treating these characteristics of saved people as self-improvement goals. But where does Isaiah say that they come from?*

Drawing on the depths of our salvation is very different from following a set of rules. Think through together the difference between the “rules way” and the “grace way”

**Rules way:**

- Where aren't you....
- Do you see how you're disobeying God because he says we should be...
- What do you need to do to become more...

**Grace way:**

- Where aren't you...
- What does the fact that God has saved you by grace have to say to that context...
- How can you draw on God's wells to become more... there.

Finish by spending some time praying together for God's grace to make us people who are trusting, fearless, strong and joyful – and drawing on the depths of his salvation.