

# Seeing God 10 - The Saviour changes Everything

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Scripture: Isaiah Chapter 61

On Sunday we finished our Isaiah series looking at Isaiah 61 and how Jesus fulfils this prophecy. The opening three verses of Isaiah 61 form the song of the anointed one. If people need a recap on the series – use the bible project videos if needed (bear in mind 2 videos each 8 minutes long- only use if needed for recap) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0A6Uchb1F8>

Intro Questions around series (as the leader you will need to lead the way and give examples as to what you have learned and how you have applied it.)

- 1- What have you learned about Isaiah?
- 2- What have you learned about God?
- 3- In what way will you apply this to your life / walk with God?

## We are living in the Year of the Lord's favour

Read Isaiah 40v1-9. Isaiah was prophesying into an immediate context in Babylonian exile as well as about the one to come. The people of Judah had been in captivity in Babylon since 586 BC and Isaiah was prophesying that they would be restored.

Q1. Focus in on verses 4 - how and when was this fulfilled?

Despite this partial fulfilment there is a huge sense in which this is a temporary fix (as Pete compared this to his curtain rail fix!). Read Luke 4v18-20...

Q2. Why did Jesus stop half way through verse 2 of Isaiah 61?

Q3. What does this mean for us? How does it affect the way we live and our relationship with God?

Focus in on the fact that we have free access to the Father through the Holy Spirit. That the Holy Spirit is now poured out freely on all. Look up Joel 2v28-29.

Q4. Are you making the most of your free access? When was the last time you were tangibly refreshed through his Holy Spirit?

If appropriate at this point pray in pairs / as a group. Don't feel like you have to finish the notes.

## The Year of the Lord brings 'Total Transformation'

When Jesus arrives everything changes. Look at the completeness of the transformation described in verses 1-9. Pete expanded on verse 3 to explain how Jesus Transforms us from our head down – he transforms all of us.

Q5. Where do you as an individual feel you need God's transforming power? (perhaps a question for self-reflection).

Q6. Where do we as a church need his transforming power?