

*RBCPC*  
*2011 Study Series*



*Study Guide*

*Week #4*

*“Redeemed”*

Isaiah 43:1-7

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Next Week: *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Isaiah 40:21-31

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*“Mark Up Isaiah”*  
Isaiah 43:1-7

*Read and reflect on the following scriptures:*

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> *But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, Jacob,  
he who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your stead.  
<sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
and because I love you,  
I will give nations in exchange for you,  
and peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”*

Notes:

**Luke 15:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> *“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

Notes:

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Isaiah 43:1-7

Discussion Guide

**Scripture**

1. In Isaiah 43:1, he says “do not fear...” Considering Isaiah’s audience, what were they afraid of?
2. What comfort, or reassurance do these words from the Lord have for the people?
3. What does this prophecy reveal about the nature of God?
4. Read the Isaiah scripture again. What are God’s promises?
5. Reflect on (and share, if appropriate) how you know that God is “with you.”
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6. Read the Luke scripture. Have you ever lost a small item of value? What did you do in order to find it?
7. According to this scripture, how significant is the “one sinner” to God?
8. What does this scripture say to you about how significant you are to God?
9. How might this affect the way you treat those on the margins of society?
10. What kind of eternal consequences are there as a result of how the “lost” are treated?

**Sermon**

*“There is a subtle but important difference between being ransomed and redeemed. Ransomed people are released and set free. They are no longer held hostage. But when something is redeemed, the owner reclaiming it holds onto it tightly.” Bruce Humphrey*

1. What does it mean to you to be redeemed? To be ransomed?
2. Is the difference between being redeemed or ransomed significant to you? Why or why not?
3. From what have you been “set free?”
4. Are you still captive to something or someone? How might knowing you have been *ransomed* help you to spiritually, physically, or emotionally separate from that captivity?
5. What does this say about the depth of God’s love for you?
6. How does God expect us to treat others, especially those that have been separated from us? How are we to behave as we welcome them back?
7. What is one thing you could do this week the show someone else how much you love them?

**Prayer**

Personal: Lord, whatever I face – deep waters, great troubles, rivers of difficulty, fires of oppression – I trust you because you are the Lord, my God, the Holy One of Israel, and my Savior.

Group: As you leave your group meeting today and return to your homes and workplaces, ask God to open your eyes to see one of his lost sheep. Lift up that person in prayer, knowing that God treasures that person and welcomes him/her back.

