

Word - Share - Prayer

For Faith-at-Home, SPC Teams, Small Groups, etc.

Week of December 4, 2011

Read the WORD: Isaiah 61:1-8

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness from the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and to provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land and everlasting joy will be theirs. For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.

SHARE your thoughts

- **Reflect:**

How does the Lord empower his people to preach good news to the less fortunate?

How does He plan to reward those who are obedient to Him?

Explain what it means to you to obey the Lord.

- **Respond:**

How does the Spirit of the Lord work through you?

Are there times you feel it is harder to obey His wishes? Times when it is easier?

PRAY for each other: Lord, help me to find strength in your faith and to be obedient to your word. Amen

