

## God is My Salvation | Isaiah 12

### Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. It is not always easy to believe that God is at work in our lives. Sometimes the circumstances around us make it hard to see his hand in things. Take a moment and reflect or share on a difficult time in your life or a place in your life now where it's hard to see God.
2. This week's passage is Isaiah 12. Pastor Jim pointed out that verse 2 holds one of the most important verses of the Old Testament. Why is that? What is the connection to Exodus 15 and Psalm 118?
3. Though the message in all three scriptures is essentially the same, there are two differences found in Isaiah 12 that set it apart from the Exodus and Psalms passages. What are they?
4. The Lord wants to remind us that his assurance and love is also for sinners, that he is not just doing "saving things and activities" but he is in fact a savior. That's what he loves to do. How is this message significant for us today? What do these two distinctive truths found in Isaiah 12 communicate that we all need to hear?
5. Pastor Jim then pointed out how this promise and assurance doesn't just rest in the past or in our present, but points to the future. What is the connection between this song of praise, the word yeshua and Jesus' words in the temple at the feast of Tabernacle?
6. It is because of verses like Isaiah 12 that Jesus is named Yeshua, it is because of this that he says, "let anyone who is thirsty come." It is in him that we are offered salvation, that we are invited into relationship with God. This is good news, this the hope that we have. As you close your time together today I would invite you:
  - Re-read Isaiah 12 as a prayer and praise together.
  - Take a moment to pray for those that have not discovered or understood this invitation and that they would turn to God and receive his salvation.
  - Pray for God's hope and praise to strengthen you in the midst of your own struggle or difficult circumstance.