Discussion Questions for Isaiah 48-49

Not being able to see you face to face this week to discuss these questions, I encourage you to call, email, or text me with your questions about the message or about Isaiah 48-49

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Questions about the sermon? There are some great spiritual treasure nuggets in Isaiah. We hope that you discover them and apply them to your life.

If Isaiah used the word "listen" as a command 30 times, we are assuming that it is listening to the Lord. How is the Lord speaking into your life these days? What is He saying to you thru His Word - promises to believe /commands to obey?
In Isaiah 48:3 - God says He acted as He did because the people were stubborn. Have you been stubborn about something you were pretty sure that God wanted you to do, but you haven't done it? Give a gift; be reconciled with someone; carry out responsibility for spiritual leadership you know is yours? If something other than stubbornness is holding you back - what might it be? Do you need help?

Are there any solutions to the problem of stubbornness? What might be at it's root?

3. Isaiah 48:22 - "There is no peace (shalom) for the wicked" says the Lord. How might you have experienced this before you came to Christ? What has been the difference since you trusted Jesus? In what areas of life in our present culture/world do you see this verse being an accurate assessment?

4. Looking back thru Isaiah, what other passages speak of Messiah - person and ministry? You should be able to put together a good list of verses by now that would explain his character and ministry. 5. Check out Acts 13:44-52 - what verse does the apostle Paul refer to and how does he apply the verse?

6. Compare Isaiah 49:7 to Philippians 2:5-11- what do you see in these verses?

7. Zion (Jerusalem) is seen as a person in 49:14? What is Zion's concern? What does God promise? What verses come to your mind about your security with God?

8. Had you heard of the B-D-S anti-semitic movement before today? Do you keep up with international news about Israel and what is going on with the "West Bank"? If you need help, check with Pastor Paul.