

Session 1

Laying The Foundation: An Overview of Isaiah's Four Servant Songs

Student's Guide

(Video 24 minutes)

Warm up questions pre-video: (15 minutes)

Read question # 3 of Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Following question #3 in the Small Catechism—"Why do we call the Bible the "Holy Scripture?"—who wrote the Old and New Testaments?

- ❖ Is the Old Testament a history book of the plight of God's people Israel or is the purpose of the Old Testament more than that?

- ❖ If the Old Testament is more than a history book, what is the true purpose of the Old Testament? How does the Old Testament point to, and the New Testament point us back to the same thing?

Read Exodus 3:13-14

- ❖ According to Exodus 3:13 – 14 what is the proper name for God?

- ❖ What is the work of a prophet?

Read Isaiah 42:6

- ❖ What does it mean to be called in righteousness?

Read Isaiah 42:19

- ❖ In Scripture what does being deaf and blind mean?

Read Isaiah 48:1

- ❖ What does it mean to lose your righteousness?

Post-video follow up question: (15 minutes)

- ❖ Israel is in physical captivity in Babylon, but what more serious situation— as the professors stated— is going on that has God call out through Isaiah to his people? How do we see this as a call to God's people today?
- ❖ While in Babylon Israel was under what attacks or pressures of culture? How do we see those same attacks and pressures in our world today?
- ❖ How do we see the question of who is the true God in:
 - Exodus?
 - Isaiah?
 - Time of Christ?
 - Today?
- ❖ What is Isaiah's advice that leads us into this Bible study? How does this advice apply to us today?