

## **Message Series: Servant Songs**

### **Message Title: Song 1 The Bruised**

#### **Key Scripture:**

Isaiah 42:1-4, Matthew 12:17-21

#### **Theme**

Isaiah has four songs about the Servant of the Lord, that can get our spirits on song. As we study in depth the first three songs, (the fourth was covered at Easter, Isaiah 52-53), may we learn more how we are called to be the people of God, from everywhere, and serve like Jesus keeping us singing from the same song sheet. The prophetic writings of Isaiah show the Lord will help us despite all we may feel or face.

#### **Message Summary**

Song 1 is about the Servant of the Lord as the one whom is going to bring people to God, save and bless them. The structure of the song tells us what Jesus is going to do + How He is to do it. Jesus is the quintessential servant and how he goes about it is the quintessential service. Once we are close to God, restored and helped, we are to 'Learn from Him,' so we can minister to others that are bruised.

#### **Whole Group Questions**

- Think & Talk: Are you a servant of God? What is your service to Him really like?

#### **How does applying this message affect our:**

##### **Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people**

*Share what bothers you about leaders that misuse power, wealth, control or might. Political, celebrity, rich, church world? Why do you feel that way? What can you do?*

##### **Discipleship - growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially**

*Jesus came for BRUISED REEDS and SMOULDERING WICKS. To the bruised Jesus doesn't crush and to the smouldering Jesus doesn't snuff us out. Instead he turns our failures around and the limits on our potential are ignited into a shining light. This message appeals towards on a personal level. How can Jesus rekindle you?*

##### **Ministry - Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities**

*Today, you might find yourself horribly downtrodden, damaged by what others have done to you, or even injured by your past mistakes. Perhaps you're tempted to believe you're broken and useless, but the good news for you is the servant picks up bruised reeds with care. Allow some space to let God minister to you.*

*The plan being allow Jesus and the Spirit to heal you and then then use you to soothe bruised lives. It is not only who is the servant, but how he serves, that makes a melody. Jesus can pick up your life and make music with it. Where?*

##### **Evangelism - Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers**

*V21 added extra by Matthew the name of Jesus (our mission). Jesus will carry to the world hope that there is only one God who loves them and he's ready to die for them. This is to everybody across all the nations. How do you further hope to others?*

##### **Worship - Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis**

*Bruised Reeds simply won't be all about you — you will have to surrender to him. That's something to shout about!! How does that encourage your worship?*