



Discussion Guide for “Riding God’s Coattails”

Spark Week 2

It's easy to feel like we're not doing enough - especially when it comes to faith. Are we praying enough, serving enough, giving enough? Isaiah's Servant knows how that feels, which is why they remind us that what matters isn't our ability or performance. Our faithfulness is made possible because of God's work in our world. So how can we rest in God's faithfulness - especially when we feel too small to accomplish God's calling?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is Isaiah 49:1-7.

Questions for Discussion

1. Share a time you’ve benefitted from someone else’s status or position. How did that make you feel?
2. Review Isaiah 49:1-7. What does it mean to say that God has given the servant a sword of judgment?
3. In verse 4, the servant confesses feeling inadequate to live into God’s calling. Do you resonate with that sentiment? Discuss.
4. How does God respond to the servant’s confession? How do you feel reading God’s proclamation?
5. What does it mean that God takes responsibility for God’s work? How do we factor in?
6. As you consider Catalyst in 2023, how do you see us fulfilling God’s calling on us? What part is God calling *you* to play?