

## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

Who gave you the best example to live as an adult?

What primary lessons did you learn from that person?

## DIG

Read ISAIAH 42:5-7

<sup>5</sup> God, the Lord, created the heavens and stretched them out.

He created the earth and everything in it.

He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth.

And it is he who says, <sup>6</sup> "I, the Lord, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.

I will take you by the hand and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations.

<sup>7</sup> You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons."<sup>(NLT)</sup>



In what ways is the Lord described in this passage?

From what you can tell in this passage, who is the Lord concerned about?

This passage indicates that God's people were "called in righteousness" or would "demonstrate his righteousness."

What are your practical suggestions about how to live in, or to demonstrate, God's righteousness?

This passage says God's people will also be a "light to guide the nations." (Some translations use the word *Gentiles* to indicate all non-Jews.)

If you know anything about the history of Israel in the Old Testament, give examples to describe how well the people did this at that time?

What are good and bad examples of how well God's people have been a spiritual "light to the nations" during your own lifetime?

What group of people has been the best "spiritual light" in your own life?

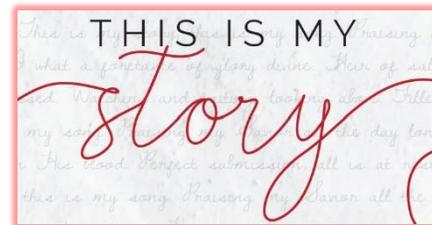
## APPLY

Imagine that a spiritually disconnected person learned about Christianity only from your life and no other source.

What primary spiritual lessons would the person learn from you?

(Let the group answer this for you if it is difficult to talk about yourself.)

Name one or two people for whom you would like to be a guiding spiritual light. Let the group pray for the spiritual growth of those people.



## Leaders

### Series

This discussion guide is based on a sermon in a series called "This is My Story." It is an overview of the entire message of Scriptures, showing how that message is relevant to your life.

### Big Idea

This lesson clarifies how God called his people in the Old Testament to be an example of good for all nations.

### Prayer

Pray for every person in your group to accept the challenge to be a role model of spiritual living for others.

### Group Leadership

Demonstrate care and concern for others in your group at all times. Ask members periodically to tell what their greatest concerns or challenges are so the group can pray more effectively.

In times of concern about spreading disease or illness, take precautions to make in-person group meeting spaces both comfortable and safe. Discuss and agree upon steps your group will take to keep every person safe.