# Darkness to Light 4. Isaiah 59 & 60

# Hope for everyone

# The problem…

## It’s about you! (59:2-3)

## It’s about them (4-6)

## It’s about us in the world (9-11)

## It’s about our lack of relationship with God and the consequences in our community (12-15a)

# The solution…

## It’s about God stepping in and providing the solution (15b-20)

### My Spirit and My Word are yours (21)

# The Result…

## Hope in difficult times (60:1-16a)

## Your God IS your Saviour & your Redeemer (16b)

### He will be your light (19)

### He will be your glory (19)

# The response of faith

## Go tell your story…

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Isaiah 59

# Why doesn’t God do something?

## In the face of all that is happening in the world this is frequently asked of us

### How do you respond?

### How does Isaiah respond to the problem of evil?

#### Whose fault is it, according to Ch 59?

## The lack of justice is in many forms in the world

### Give examples and state why it’s unfair

# God’s solution

## He sends a redeemer who puts on ‘a breastplate of righteousness and a helmet of salvation’

### Why do you think Paul suggest Christians do the same (Eph 6:14)?

### Why do you think Paul does not ask them to put on ‘garments of vengeance’ and a ‘cloak of zeal’ (59:17)

### What does Paul ask Christians to put on instead?

#### How does this change the dynamic of the church?

# Arise, shine, your light has come

## In Isaiah 60 the light is personal (as opposed to the world)

### How do Christians receive this light?

### What difference does this light make?

### How do we demonstrate this without being boastful or arrogant to those who are still in the dark? (try starting at v21)

### How does Paul’s version of the ‘armour of God’ help us in this?

## How does the light of God help us in difficult times?

# Righteousness and injustice

## How are we to deliver God’s justice in a world of injustice?

## What does a righteous person look like to you?

### Does s/he have a kind face?

### Do they wear the garment of vengeance and the cloak of zeal?