

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Promises

Read Isaiah 62:1-7 and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What promises does Isaiah give the people about God? Why might they need these promises at this point in time?
- What does it mean for them to be called priests and ministers of the Lord?
- Do you think they deserve all of these things that are promised to them after all the suffering they have experienced? Why or why not? Do you think We get the same treatment after our suffering? Why or why not?

✔ Hope

Play the Charlotte's Web video clip.

- How does this video relate to this week's passage?
- How might Wilbur have felt when Templeton told him the truth about the farmer's plans for him? How did Israel feel hopeless and alone in this week's passage?
- Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt hopeless or alone?
- Where does Wilbur find reassurance that he is not alone? When you feel alone, where does your reassurance come from? How did God's promises bring hope to the Israelites? Do these promises have any hope for us as well? Why or why not?

✔ Advocate

Play the I Am Sorry video.

- What do you think of the apologies offered in this video? Do you think he is right about the way Christians treat other people badly? Why or why not?

- Why do you think some people do not feel welcomed at a church? Do you know teenagers who would never step foot into a church because of the way they think they will be treated? Explain.
- How will the church ever welcome these people it has traditionally rejected? What role can you play in this change? What would happen if you spoke up for one of the rejected? What happens if you remain silent?
- How can your church change to be more welcoming and accepting of others?

Close in prayer.

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