

## A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

Isaiah 49:1–7

Key Verse: 49:6

1. What does the servant of the Lord say first, and to whom is he speaking (1a)? What does he say about his calling, and why (1b,5a)?
2. How did God prepare his servant? What does it mean to have a mouth “like a sharp sword” and be “a polished arrow” (2; cf. Heb4:12; 2Ti2:15)? What does the repeated word “hid” suggest? Why is such preparation crucial?
3. What does the Lord say to his servant, and what does it mean (3)? What does the servant’s response mean, and what does it suggest about him (4)?
4. What is the Lord’s greater purpose for his servant (5–6)? How was this prophecy fulfilled through Jesus and his apostles (Lk2:32; Ac13:47; 26:23; 28:28)? How can we be such a light today?
5. How does this servant song conclude (7)? Review in these verses how and why God prepares and equips his servant. In light of this, how can God’s purpose be fulfilled through his servants today?