

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
ISAIAH 42:1-9 - THE KINGS SERVANT

1. What does it mean to be a servant? What appeals about being a servant? What's not so appealing?
2. Would you like to have your own servant? Why/Why not?
3. *Read Isaiah 41:8-10.* Who is Gods servant? What is it that makes his servant his servant?
4. *Read Isaiah 41:17-20.* Who is the servant? Why?
5. What's the problem with people being the servants of God?
6. *Read Isaiah 42:1-4.* How does God feel about his servant? Why?
7. What is the servant to do?
8. Why would the servant be likely to grow faint or be discouraged?
9. How could a servant be the one who produces the law? How does that fit with our system of government and laws?
10. Who is the servant of verses 1-4? Backup your answers!
11. *Read Isaiah 42:5-7.* To whom is the LORD speaking? Is this message for the benefit of it's recipient or those overhearing?
12. Why does God name and describe himself before delivering his message? What is it about the description that is so relevant?
13. *Read Isaiah 42:8-9.* Why does the LORD tell us/them of these things before they spring forth?
14. Why does God suddenly mention that he will give his glory to no other?
15. If you were to have a servant, what sort of qualities would you want in them? What sort of things would you want them to be able to do for you?
16. Is the Lord Jesus your servant or your King? (Even though this is obviously a trick question, discuss!) Check Philippians 2 for help.
17. What does it mean to have a servant? How should that change the way you live? What happens if someone refuses to have a servant?