

6) THE ADVENTURE OF *BEING SET FREE*



WARM UP: What's something you were afraid of as a child? (and still are?!)

READ ISAIAH 59

1. Verses 1-8 describe a community of people who have lost their peace (*Heb. shalom*) because of the extent of evil and injustice (*Heb. mishpat*) amongst them. To what extent do you believe this is true of Australian society today? To what extent do you believe this is true of the global church today?

2. Verses 9-15a describe the sheer hopelessness of their situation. Without justice, righteousness and truth, they are stumbling around in the darkness. Do you ever feel this kind of despair about the state of our country, or about the state of the church? (i.e. that we have turned our back on God and are paying the price for it?)

3. In verses 15b-21 God acts as a mighty warrior to bring justice, righteousness and salvation to earth. He did this for Israel, but ultimately, through Jesus, he did this for all humanity. How do we see God's justice, righteousness, peace and salvation on display at the cross?

4. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. In light of Isaiah 59, what are we being called to fight for? What does it mean practically to "put on" this armour each day?

THIS WEEK'S GO! CHALLENGE: Perform one action on behalf of the vulnerable. Intercede in prayer for the vulnerable.

REMINDER: Justice Hour (of prayer) this Wednesday 8-9pm. Also, opportunity to give to the IJM "Not for Sale" campaign. Info for both on CBC website.

PRAY: That we would follow Jesus' example and make other people's problems our problems, so that we would see God's justice and peace.