

# 4 God's servant to the nations

Leviticus 19; Isaiah 42; 52; and 66

## Key verse

“Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness – so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. (Isa. 52:14-15 NIV)

## Getting started

Discuss: Who are the nations and why do they need saving?

## Going deeper

### Read Leviticus 19:1-2 & 33-34

- 1) What did it mean for an Israelite to treat foreigners residing among them in accordance with God's holiness?
- 2) What difference should it make for the Israelites to have experienced being foreigners themselves?
- 3) In Ephesians 2:11-13 Christians are described as once being excluded from Israel, foreigners to the covenants of the promise, but now brought near by the blood of Christ. What difference should this make in how we treat both Christians and people who don't know God?

Israel failed in their role to obey God and be an example to the nations, instead embracing the Gods and ways of the nations around them. God's blessing would therefore come from a faithful remnant; an Israel within Israel. The Kings of Israel also failed to lead the people in faithful worship.

### Read Isaiah 42:1-4

- 4) How will the servant succeed in bringing justice to the nations where others failed?

### Read Isaiah 52:13-15

- 5) What will the servant's faithfulness in saving the nations require?

### Read Isaiah 66:18-24

- 6) Why is God gathering the nations and what is the sign for them to come?
- 7) What encouragement do verses 22 to 24 give us to share the good news with as many people as possible?

## Taking it home

Share: from everything we've heard, what might it look like in our lives for us to share God's passion to see people from all nations worship him?

Discuss & **Pray** through the implications of this study for our lives and our neighbours around us.

