

**The Promise of Hope: Hope for the Nations**  
**Isaiah 49**  
**December 29, 2019**

1. Chosen to be His servant. (Isaiah 49:1)

*John 15:16 – "Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you...'"*

2. Chosen to serve effectively. (Isaiah 49:2)

*John 15:16 – "Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you...that you should go and bear fruit...'"*

3. Chosen to be cared for while serving. (Isaiah 49:2)

*John 6:37 – "Jesus said, 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.'"*

4. Chosen to serve for God's glory. (Isaiah 49:3)

*John 15:8 – "Jesus said, 'By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.'"*

5. Chosen to endure in serving. (Isaiah 49:4)

*John 15:19 – "Jesus said, '...I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.'"*

*John 15:13 – "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*

6. Chosen to make Him known. (Isaiah 49:5-7)

*John 15:26-27 – "...when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth...He will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness..."*

7. Chosen to experience much joy. (Isaiah 49:8-13)

*John 15:11 – "Jesus said, 'These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.'"*

*2 Timothy 2:10 – "...I endure everything for the sake of the chosen ones, to...obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."*

**Begin with prayer**

**Listen**

**Eat with others**

**Serve them**

**Share the Good News**

### **Questions for More Growth This Week**

1. Share some of the truly extraordinary things God did this year.
2. Why did God choose you to be His?
3. What are some ways your group or family can be involved in getting the gospel of Jesus to others this year?
4. What are some ways we at MCC can pray for our neighbors and community?
5. How do you want to grow in Christ this year?
6. What will you do this week to help spread the gospel message with your family? Pray for this year to be fruitful in many ways. (Proverbs 11:30; John 14:13; 15:7-8, 16; Matthew 7:7-11; Revelation 7:9-10)