

## Home Group study: week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR TENT

#### PASSAGE ISAIAH 54

#### LAUNCH

Describe a situation where you have been moved out of your comfort zone in a good way by a challenging situation?

#### DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

Isaiah is writing to a nation that has seen its capital city destroyed and a large segment of the population sent into exile in Babylon for a period of 70 years (or 1-2 generations). Our situation is not nearly as bad but what losses have we experienced over the last two years?

What is the normal emotional response to such a setback & why was Israel's situation like that of a barren woman?

The barren woman is instructed to sing in the middle of her barrenness. Why is this important both then & now? (verse 1)

'More are the children of a desolate woman'. What might this promise look like today for us as a church?

'Enlarge the place of your tent' is the challenge that follows the promise. How do we go about doing this as individuals, as small groups and as a church? (This is an important question so spend some time on it)

'Dispossess nations' (verse 3) refers in Isaiah's time to taking land off neighbouring countries. In our day it refers to taking territory from Satan. How would you like to see him dispossessed?

#### APPLICATION

Pray that as a church we can rejoice in the face of setback

Pray that we can take hold of the promise of Isaiah 54 with faith and expectation

Pray that conversations with those considering faith will multiply

Pray that many will be saved and added as we reopen our gateways