



Magdalen Road Church

*Delighting in God - Displaying his glory*

# GOD'S BIG SOCIETY

THE COMMUNAL VISION OF THE BIBLE

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## 4. A COMMUNITY OF HOPE



# THE STORY SO FAR

1. GOD IS RESTORING HUMAN BEINGS IN THE CHURCH

2. GOD IS FULFILLING HIS PROMISES TO ABRAHAM IN THE CHURCH

3. GOD'S LAW REVEALS THE GREAT OBSTACLE TO HIS PLAN

# THE MESSAGE OF ISAIAH

## ISAIAH 1-39 – A KING TO LEAD GOD’S NEW COMMUNITY

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Isaiah 11:10 (NIV - Anglicised)

<sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

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## ISAIAH 40-55 – A SUFFERING SERVANT TO DIE FOR THE SINS OF GOD’S NEW COMMUNITY

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Isaiah 52:14–15 (NIV - Anglicised)

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

<sup>15</sup> so will he sprinkle many nations...

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## ISAIAH 56-66 – A PROCLAIMER TO DECLARE THE GOSPEL TO GOD’S NEW COMMUNITY

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Isaiah 61:1, 11

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor....  
the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise  
spring up before all nations.

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# ROMANS 15:1-13

## ACCEPT AND BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER AS GOD'S NEW COMMUNITY

THIS IS ROOTED IN THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE – vv9-12 .

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Romans 15:12 (NIV - Anglicised)

<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says,  
“The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
the Gentiles will hope in him.”

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READING THE WHOLE BIBLE GIVES US:

ENDURANCE

ENCOURAGEMENT

HOPE

### QUESTIONS FOR HOMEGROUPS

1. What is your experience of reading the Bible? Do you have in your mind a good idea of how it fits together? What will help you grow in your understanding?
2. For Isaiah, Jesus is clearly absolutely central in forming the new community of God. Why is that? Give examples.
3. In Romans 15:1-13 look carefully at:
  - the role of the bible
  - the role of Jesus
  - the role of God
  - the role of the Holy SpiritIn helping us to live together in harmony. In your opinion what is most important for you?