

This is My Father's World



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BIBLE STUDY

The prophet Isaiah communicates words of hope to a fragmented group of exiles looking for a home. God tells this group, I created, formed and will redeem you because you are mine. The landscape of our current culture is very fragmented. There are lots of people who feel as though they are exiles from the church. Mikah reaches out to one exiled community. But I also think of people who are exiled from a living faith. How can we help others who feel lost hear, and believe the words “you are precious in my sight...and I love you?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has formed you and how? Where has God been in the forming process?
2. How would you describe the difference between being accepted and being part of the norm? Have you ever been invited to something, but not felt included? What did that feel like?
3. Mikah presents an interesting thought, “what if retirement never comes?” Have you ever thought about this? How can this thought shape your faith life?
4. Isaiah 43: 19 says, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you perceive it?” I thought this captured Mikah’s perspective on life. Can you perceive God calling you out into a new thing? What new thing do you want for God to do?

CHALLENGE

Examine these questions in your heart and consider journaling your responses: Where do I feel exiled? Who do I exile from my life? How does fear influence my daily life? What can I do to let God in to help me with my fear?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1b)