

# Isaiah's Reality

WEEK 7

## Week 7 Handout

Please read the following passages with your team and have them fill in the blanks:

Below are passages of scripture that outline the importance of skill or being skilled.

Proverbs 22:29 (ESV) *“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand in the presence of kings . He will not stand in the presence of unknown men.”*

Psalms 33:3 (ESV) *“Sing to Him a new song, play skillfully with a shout of joy!”*

1 Samuel 16:16 (ESV) *“Let our Lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well .”*

Exodus 35:35 (ESV) *“He has filled them with skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer and of an embroiderer, in blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.”*

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I Corinthians 12:5-6 (ESV) *“There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God who activates each gift in each person.”*

- 1) Proverbs 22:29 explains that if we want to excel in ministry or any good work, we must be skilled. If you lack in skill, you will lack in opportunities.
- 2) Psalm 33:3 tells us to sing new songs. How exciting! Because of this command, we must be skilled in playing and directing these new songs. We need to know the heartbeat of the church. This psalm also commands us to play skillfully.
- 3) I Samuel 16:16 is one of my favorite scriptures addressing excellence. God uses the talents He has given us for His Glory. We are ministers to His people. That means we are servants to His people.
- 4) Exodus 35:35 tells us that God is more than capable to fill us with skill and determination to complete a task. As scripture tells us, He equips those He calls and leads them according to His purpose. (Exodus 4:10-11, Deuteronomy 31:8)