

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 53:1–3

Memory Passage: Isaiah 53:1–3

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 52:13–53:3.** Write a paragraph summarizing what you learned last week from your study of Isaiah 52:13–15.
- (b) Write a paragraph describing how your application of last week’s study aided your sanctification.
- (c) What similarities do you see between Isaiah 52:13–15 and Isaiah 53:1–3?
- (d) How do Isaiah 52:13–15 and 53:1–3 connect in context, and how does 53:1–3 advance the thought of this Servant Song?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:1–3.** Who speaks in vs. 1–3, and what message should have been heard from them?
- (b) What are the answers to the two questions asked in 53:1?
- (c) Explain how Jesus uses and applies Isaiah 53:1 in John 12:36b–43.
- (d) Explain how Paul uses and applies Isaiah 53:1 in Romans 10:14–21.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:1–3.** Why are the verbs in vs. 2–3 past tense, and when do these responses to the Servant take place?
- (b) What do the metaphors of “young plant” (v. 2a) and “root out of dry ground” (v. 2b) teach us about the Servant?
- (c) Explain v. 2c, d. Why does the Servant lack “form,” “majesty,” and “beauty,” and why does this deficiency cause people not to “look at” or “desire” him?
- (d) The Hebrew words translated as “form” and “beauty” are also used in 52:14 and translated as “form” and “appearance.” Are these two verses describing the same or different times in the Servant’s life? Explain your answer.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:1–3.** The Hebrew word translated as “sorrow” means “pain, anguish,” and the Hebrew word translated as “grief” means “sickness, illness.” What do these words convey about the life and work of the Servant (see vs. 4–5, 10–11)?
- (b) In what way and for what reasons did men “despise” (v. 3a, d) the Servant?

- (c) What passages come to mind that prove this Servant was treated this way (consider John 1:11–13; 18:15-18, 25–27; Mark 14:50, among others)?
- (d) What would the people have expected their Deliverer to look like (see, for instance, Gen 39:6; 1 Sam 9:2; 16:12)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:1–3.** What do you learn about Christ’s incarnation from these verses, and how should you apply these truths?
- (b) What do you learn about God’s revelation in these verses, and how does this affect your approach to evangelism?
- (c) What do you learn about outward appearances in these verses, and how does this affect how you interact with and minister to others? How does this affect how you evaluate people who claim to have Biblical knowledge and wisdom? How does this affect how you present yourself in person and online?
- (d) What do you learn about how men and women commonly respond to Jesus and his person and work, and how does this help you persevere in obedience in your Christian life?

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The 4th Servant Song Verse 2: A Man of Sorrows, Despised & Rejected