

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 15, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 53:7-9

Memory Passage: Isaiah 53:7-9

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:4-9.** Write a paragraph summarizing what you learned last week from your study of Isaiah 53:4-6.
- (b) Write a paragraph describing how your application of last week's study aided your sanctification.
- (c) What similarities do you see between Isaiah 53:4-6 and Isaiah 53:7-9?
- (d) How do Isaiah 53:4-6 and 53:7-9 connect in context, and how does 53:7-9 advance the thought of this Servant Song?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:7-9.** How was the Servant "oppressed" and "afflicted," and what does the fact that despite this unjust treatment ("yet"), "he opened not his mouth" convey about the character of the Servant?
- (b) What does the Servant's silence while being led away to death convey about his character?
- (c) How does the NT show v. 7b, e fulfilled (see Matt 26:63; 27:14; John 19:9; 1 Pet 2:23)?
- (d) How do you reconcile the silence in v. 7b, e with Jesus' responses (for example, Matt 26:64; 27:11; John 18:34-37)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:7-9.** In what way was the Servant taken away "by oppression and judgment" (v. 8a)?
- (b) To whom does "his generation" (v. 8b) refer?
- (c) What does it mean to be "cut off from the land of the living" (v. 8c), and how does the parallelism in v. 8c-d function?
- (d) In what ways did Jesus' generation fail to "consider" his death and its purpose (v. 8b-d)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:7-9.** In what way was the Servant's grave "with the wicked" (v. 9a; see Luke 23:32-33)?
- (b) In what way was the Servant's death "with a rich man" (v. 9b; see Luke 23:50-56)?
- (c) What does v 9c, d tell you about the servant's death (take note of the word "although," which begins v. 9c)?
- (d) What do you learn about Isaiah 53:7-9 from the NT's usage of it in Acts 8:32-33 (and context) and 1 Pet 2:18-25?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 53:7-9.** Think of times when you have been falsely accused. What is the first thing you think of doing? Should you ever speak to defend yourself? Sometimes? Always? Explain your answer with Scriptures.
- (b) The Servant demonstrated humility by enduring oppression, affliction, and false judgment even though he deserved none of it. In what ways are you tempted to respond without humility? What usually happens when you respond without humility, and how does the Servant's response to suffering and death encourage you to grow in your exercise of humility?
- (c) The Servant died even though "there was no deceit in his mouth." In what ways do you speak deceitful things, both with your lips and in your heart? How does the Servant's work equip you to crucify deceitful thoughts and actions?
- (d) Isaiah 53:7 uses the image of a lamb being led to slaughter to describe the manner in which Jesus embraced death, but the Scriptures use this imagery to exalt his work (see John 1:29, 36; 1 Pet 1:19; 29 times in Rev). Meditate on this image and what it represents about Christ and write a prayer of thanksgiving for the sacrificial work of the Servant.

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The 4th Servant Song Verse 4: Like A Lamb Led to Slaughter, Innocent and Silent