

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Does fulfilled predictive prophecy constitute a “miracle?” If so, does Isaiah 53 qualify?
2. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Isaiah 53:13 speaks of the servant being “raised and lifted up and greatly exalted.” How does this relate to Philippians 2:9?
4. In what way was Christ disfigured beyond a normal human being (v.14)? How does this aid our understanding of the agony of the cross?
5. Relate v. 15 to worldwide Christian missions.
6. How was Jesus like a “tender shoot” and a “root out of dry ground (v.2)?”
7. How do vv.4-6 make clear “substitutionary atonement” (Christ dying in our place)? How is this the center of the Gospel?

8. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What similarities do you see?
9. How do you understand the mystery of “the Lord’s will to crush” Christ (v.10)? Compare this with Hebrews 12:2.

LIVING IT OUT

10. How could meditating more on Isaiah 53 strengthen your faith? Your worship?
11. What reaction would a Jewish person experience reading Isaiah 53 (consider both positive and negative)?
12. How does this passage inform the seriousness with which God views our sins?
13. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25. What should the suffering of the Servant produce in us?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“...by his wounds we are healed.”

- Isaiah 53:5 NIV

