

Home Small Group Lesson
Shamed for our Joy
Isaiah 20 & 50

Start It Up

- **Opening Icebreaker:**
*Describe one of the most embarrassing moments of your life.

Talk it Over

- **Sermon Summary**
 - *The verbal warning of a merciful God. (20:2)*
 - *The radical obedience of a faithful disciple. (20:2)*
 - *The visible shame of a sinful nation. (20:3-4)*
 - *The global shaking of a fearful world. (20:5-6)*
 - *The public disgrace of a joyful Savior. (50:6-7)*

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?

- Read all of Isaiah 20 and describe your first response to it. Is it embarrassment? Laughter? Confusion? Wonder? Amazement?

- Consider that Isaiah “*did as he was told.*” Have you ever obeyed God, knowing it may cause public shame or embarrassment? What situation comes to mind when your love of God resulted in some form of insult or rejection?

- Notice in 20:3-4 that Isaiah was a **sign/symbol** to expose Egypt’s nakedness. How do you think this could apply to America? Are we like Egypt? Explain. If time allows, turn to Revelation 3 where the Lord exposes the nakedness of Laodicea.

- Read Isaiah 50:6-7 about the words of the Servant who would experience shame. What do you find amazing about the words of Jesus in this passage?

- 1 Peter 4:16 says “if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.” In your opinion, what one or two things in our culture produce the most shame as being a Christian?

Pray it Over:

- Praise Jesus for the levels of shame he endured at the cross for you and I.
- Cast your personal shame to the Lord and look to him for grace.
- Pray the words of Revelation 3 for America and for the church...that we would see our need for the Lord.
- Pray for Christians around the world who are suffering shame for the cause of Christ.