

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Trust Issues

### *Isaiah 53:2-12 NIV*

1. What from this weekend's message stood out to you? What is something you don't want to forget?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is something that was difficult for you to suffer through? What were some takeaways that might give wisdom and insight to those in your homegroup? What would you have done differently?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *Isaiah 53:2-12*. This weekend we discussed how Jesus suffered while he spent time on this earth and how he was able to stay faithful and continue to love God and others during his time suffering. In our culture today, many are suffering, and many take it upon themselves on how to get through their suffering. In the examples below, how might we suffer well? How should our time of suffering as followers be different from those without Jesus?
  - a. A costly and unplanned expense.
  - b. Care taking for a sick or suffering elderly parent/spouse.
  - c. Working alongside family member with a mental illness.
  - d. Continual hardship or suffering caused by others.

### **Digging Deeper:**

4. Learning how to suffer well can be very difficult and challenging especially when the hardship is over a long period of time. When we are experiencing suffering as followers of Christ, we are called to gather together for times of lifting each other up and for a time of encouragement. How might we do better at this in the culture we live in today?
  - a. Share of some suffering you might be experiencing today. How can we come together as a home group and lift each other up?
  - b. How can we help one another in our time of suffering, to do all we can to gather those who don't know Christ? How might our time of suffering be used as chance to draw others into a relationship with Jesus?

To close: How as a home group can we invite Jesus in and help each other through our times of suffering? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?