



Message Discussion Questions

6/4/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Isaiah

WEEK:#3

MESSAGE: Suffering Savior Part 2

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Isaiah 53

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. Many of you are "glass half empty" while others are "glass half full". Which one has the better outlook on life and why? What are some benefits and challenges about each? How often do circumstances change our perspectives from one to the other?
2. Read Hebrews 4:15 What would you say is a sign of personal strength? What is a sign of personal weakness? Whom do you identify that models personal strength?
3. Read Isaiah 53:3-4. Jesus carries all of our sorrows. What is one example from your life where he took a sorrow or weakness and turned it into a strength? How has this experience of yours helped others with their sorrows or areas of weakness?
4. Read Hebrews 2:18. What are some of your thoughts when you read this verse? How does knowing this truth bring you comfort and hope? Who in your circle of influence needs to hear the truth of this verse?
5. Read Isaiah 53:11 and 1 Peter 2:24. What do these verses say regarding our sins? Jesus' death was a one time event...why do we still need to confess our sins?
6. What does it look like to invite Jesus into your pain? What are some obstacles or barriers you encounter as you consider doing this?
7. 1 Peter 2:24b says, "By his wounds you are healed." What is Peter saying here? How does Jesus taking our place 2000 plus years ago on the cross bring healing and comfort to us today?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. What are some possible reasons that God allows us to go through pain and difficulty? How do pain and difficulties in our lives give God opportunity for growth and transformation?
9. Read Psalm 46:1 What trouble or difficult life situation do you need Jesus to take care of? As a group, pray for that person and their area of need.

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Praise & Prayer:** As each person prays, say one praise then pray the shared request.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church