

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

Have you ever been completely wrong about what something important was going to be like? What changed for you when you realized you had misunderstood it?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - ISAIAH 52:13-53:3

Isaiah 52:13-15 – Exaltation and Humiliation

- In verse 13, what does God say will happen to His Servant? What kind of outcome does that make you expect?
- How does verse 14 describe the Servant and how is that different from what we just expected in verse 13?
- In verse 15, what happens because of the Servant's suffering? Who is affected by it? What does that suggest about the scope of His work? How do the kings of nations react?

Isaiah 53:1-3 – The Arm of the Lord

- What question is asked in verse 1? What does that tell us about how people respond to the message about the Servant?
- How is the Servant described in verse 2? What stands out about His background and appearance?
- In verse 3, how do people treat the Servant? What kind of life does He live?

TAKEAWAYS

ALL SCRIPTURE IS CHRIST-CENTERED

2 Timothy 3:15-16; Luke 24:44; John 5:39-40

- Note from Brad: *All Scripture points us to Jesus. In the OT, He is anticipated; in the Gospels, He is revealed; in Acts, He is preached; in the Epistles, He is explained; in Revelation, He is expected.*
- When you read the Bible, what do you usually focus on—learning information, finding guidance for life, or something else?
- After looking at this passage, how does it change the way you think about the Old Testament?
- Who is the suffering servant?

THE GOSPEL IS OFFENSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL

Romans 8:1; 1 Peter 2:24

- Why do you think some people are uncomfortable with the message of the Gospel?
- What parts of the Gospel might people be tempted to soften or leave out and why?
- What makes the Gospel so good? What's actually beautiful about it?