THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 15 | SESSION 1

GOD PROMISES A SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

MAIN POINT:
Jesus is the Suffering Servant who was rejected and struck down. on our behalf.

HIS STORY

- **What positive descriptions were mentioned in this text? What negative descriptions were mentioned?**
- **Why do people so often reject that suffering can be connected with glory?**
- **How should this prophecy about the Suffering Servant challenge our views about victory and success?**
- **Go back through the text and underline every time "our" is used. What is the significance of using this word?**
- **How do people sometimes minimize the seriousness of sin? How does God's response to sin in Jesus' death help shed light on its true nature?**
- **How does the fact that these prophecies were recorded hundreds of years before the birth of Christ strengthen your faith in the reliability of Scripture?**

Essential Doctrine

Christ as Substitute | At the heart of the atonement is Jesus Christ substituting Himself for sinners as He died on the cross. This truth is seen against the backdrop of the Old Testament sacrificial system, which provided a picture of humanity's need for sin to be covered and guilt to be removed by an innocent sacrifice. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with humankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of humanity from sin.

Christ Connection

God opened the eyes of Isaiah to see the coming Savior with detail no one had seen before. Isaiah prophesied about a faithful Servant who would be rejected and despised and yet accomplished salvation through His suffering. The New Testament shows that this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus and His work.

HEAD

- **What can we learn from this lesson about one of the ways God uses suffering?**
- **How can Jesus' suffering help us to view our own suffering in this life?**

HEART

- **What does Isaiah's description of being like sheep teach us about the nature of sin?**
- **What are some examples of people going their own way today?**

HANDS

- **What does Jesus' life as the Suffering Servant teach us about our own servanthood toward others?**
- **Who can you begin to serve this week with the hope, message, and love of the gospel?**