

The Heart of the Matter

12. The New Testament freely applies this song to Jesus in Matthew 27:38, 57–60; John 1:29; Acts 8:32-34; 1 Peter 2:22–2. From this song, how would you explain to someone else the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection?

13. How does this passage bring reassurance to you of God's forgiveness and love?

14. Paul applies 53:1 to the ministry of the Christian (Romans 10:16). How have you experienced rejection from others because of your faith? From verse 8 has obedience to God ever left you feeling “cut off from the land of the living?”

15. Does knowing of God's approval give you courage to serve, even when others turn against you? How so?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Behold, The Lamb of God Isaiah 52:13-53:12 For the Week of December 26, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were in school who was the kid that everyone gave a hard time? Why? Did you join in? How do you feel about it now?
3. In what circumstance might you lay down your life for another person?

Digging Deeper

4. This is the last of the four Servant Songs in the book of Isaiah (see 42:1–7; 49:1–6; 50:4–9). What seems to be unique about this particular song compared to the others?

5. The songs in chapters 42 and 49 indicated that the Servant would “be a light to the Gentiles.” How is that idea communicated in these opening lines?

6. If you had grown-up next door to the Servant how would you describe his childhood to a newspaper reporter who interviewed you about him (53:2–3)? How would your description compare to how God actually sees him?

7. If all you knew about the Servant's adult life was summed up in 53:7–9, what would you assume must've happened to him? How does this relate to the picture of the Servant in 50:6?

8. From 53:4-6 what was the purpose of the Servant's suffering? What benefits come to others because of his suffering and death?

9. How do you account for the contrasting view between the Servant's death in verse 9 and his seeing the “light of life” in verse 11?

10. Verses 7, 10, and 12 use sacrificial imagery to speak of the Servant. How does that make his death more than a mere martyr's death?

11. How does this particular prophecy relate to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ? How is the Suffering Servant like the Lamb of God that John the Baptist describes in the Gospel accounts?