

7. What did this passage teach you about the life and sacrifice of Jesus that you may not have seen before?

8. How does the Isaiah passage build on the promise that God gave to Abraham back in Genesis 12:1-3?

9. From this week's lesson, how important is "salvation" to the overall plan of God for humanity?

Personal Reflection

1. Did this study help you to identify in a clearer way the nature of sin and the need we all have for a Saviour?

2. What practical changes do you need to make based on this study?

Looking Ahead

Next week's message will focus on John 3. Take time to read the chapter and come prepared as we study how this passage frames the best known and most quoted verse of the entire Bible.

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It Should Take Your Breath Away
Isaiah 53



Life Group Study Notes

Message from Sunday October 13, 2013
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Study based
on Isaiah
53:1-12

This Week's Message

Few prophetic passages have stirred the hearts of pilgrims over the centuries as much as the suffering servant of Isaiah. Some 700 hundred years before Jesus Christ, Isaiah frames one of the most compelling and moving portraits of his life and sacrifice.

Study

Read Isaiah 53:1-12

1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

2. In the message it was stated that this passage helps clarify one of two distinct teachings of the Christian faith? What is it? (Can you guess the second one?)

3. Take a moment and read Isaiah 52:13-15. These verses form the introduction to chapter 53. Answer the following questions:
 - a. What are the two contrasts that describe the servant in these verses?

 - b. What is the overall reaction of those who witness the "servant?"

 4. What are the major differences between the "servant" in Chapter 53 and the people he sacrifices himself for? (Take time here because this is important for understanding the person and work of Jesus Christ).

 5. This passage has four sections. What were the four points given in the message for each and discuss them further?
 - a. 53:1-3 _____.

 - b. 53:4-6 _____.

 - c. 53:7-9 _____.

 - d. 53:10-12 _____.

 6. Old Testament sacrifices were treated with care. Why is the sacrifice of Jesus so brutal? What is the degree of Jesus' suffering meant to teach us?