

Jesus

THE SERVANT

OF ISAIAH 53

The Grief Bearer

Isaiah 52:13-53:6

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by being misunderstood, humiliated and ignored

as He carries our griefs

because He has taken on our sin.

Getting Started: Tell about a time that you were shocked to find out that you were wrong about another person (e.g. they were smarter, richer, poorer, nicer than you thought they were).

Digging In: Why will the servant sent from God be misunderstood according to 52:13-15 and 53:2? What parallels do you see with Php 2:5-11? How does Jn 12:37-38 and Rom 10:16 help you understand 53:1? If you had grown up next door to the “the Servant” what would you say to a newspaper reporter who interviewed you about him (53:2-3)? Notice in these verses (Lk 23:18; Jn 1:10-11; 7:5) how Jesus experienced Is 53:3. For what purpose did the Servant suffer (Is 53:4-6)? What benefits do others receive from his suffering? How is Jesus the fulfillment of Is 53:4-6 (See Ro 4:25; 1 Cor 15:3; Heb 9:11-14, 28; 1 Pet 2:24-25)?

Living It Out: What griefs, sorrows, or pain do you carry that you would like to have Jesus carry for you? How does this passage give you confidence that he is willing and able? As a follower of Jesus, how could you serve someone this week by bearing some of their burdens (2 Cor 1:1-17; Gal 6:2). Each day this week read Is 52:13-53:6 and prayerfully consider these three questions: (1) How would my life be different if I understood this picture of Jesus more clearly? (2) more deeply? (3) more fully? Don't give up if you don't get an answer the first day.

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