

Jesus

THE SERVANT OF ISAIAH 53

The Slaughtered Lamb

Isaiah 53:7-9

Jesus served us...

by being unfairly treated, slaughtered, and stripped

as He kept His mouth shut

because He obeyed the Father.

Getting Started: Tell about a time you felt you were treated unfairly, poorly represented, or paid a price for doing the right thing. How did you respond? What did you say? How many people did you relay the situation to? Did all of them need to hear?

Digging In: Write down what happens to the Servant of God in vs 7-9. Observe Jesus' fulfillment of vs 7 in these verses (Mt 26:62-63; Mk 15:4-5; Lk 23:9; John 1:29; 19:14-18 1 Pt 1:23). Observe Jesus' fulfillment of vs 8 in these verses (Mt 26:59-61; Lk 23:2-4, 13-16). How do these verses (Ex 12:1-13; Lev 5:1-7; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 1:19) help you understand the idea that Jesus was like a sheep to be slaughtered? Observe Jesus' fulfillment of vs 9 in these verses (Mt 27:44, 57-59; Mk 15:27, 43-46; Lk 23:39-43; 50-53).

Living It Out: When suffering unjustly, how do you know when to speak up and defend yourself or just take it and say nothing? Why is humility required in these situations? Do you think you or your friends tend to err on the side of saying too much or too little in these type of situations? Why? In what situations do you need to make sure that you are obeying the Father? How will you obey? 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) appreciated it more deeply? (3) owned it more fully?