

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:1-12

- 1 Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- 4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

Under the law, the sheep died for the shepherd; but under grace, the good Shepherd died for the sheep.

Because of Jesus, we are no longer spoiled treasure. We are now his spoil and treasure.

TWO QUESTIONS:

1. Where in my life do I need to allow Jesus' victory to take root?

2. How does it make me feel knowing that I am Jesus' treasure?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Please read the passage of Scripture out loud together.

Look through this passage at the stated innocence of Jesus. What does the passage say of his innocence? In what ways was he innocent?

How was he treated? Comb through the passage and spot the specific ways he was treated. How was he a suffering servant?

We often look for leaders to dazzle us. In what ways is Jesus different than that?

How do we miss Jesus' way, even when it is right in front of us?

Are there specific ways in your life in which you try to push past the humility of Christ?