

LIFE Group Guide
Servant
June 2, 2019
Isaiah 42:1-4; 53:1-6



Prayer Request: Thank the Father for his mercy and grace to us. Praise Jesus Christ, for his willingness to endure suffering and rejection for our sake. Ask the Spirit to empower you to suffer obediently in the work of the Father, following the example of Jesus Christ.

Icebreaker Question(s): What is one of the most surprising things you've seen or experienced?

Read Isaiah 42:1-4, 53:1-6:

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Discussion Questions:

1. As you heard the word of God preached or read, what did the Holy Spirit remind you of, challenge you with, convict you of, or encourage you in? Did you have any questions or was anything unclear?
2. Do you consider yourself a servant of God? What does it mean to be a servant?
3. Read Isaiah 42:1-4, 53:1-6. What characterizes this Servant of God that Isaiah prophesied about? How does this Servant bring God's blessing to the world?
4. Why do you think God chooses to get His work done through compassion?
5. What is strange and surprising about this Servant and His work? Is this how you conceive of Jesus?
6. Read Luke 9:21-27. How does the Servant's ministry and experience of suffering shape your understanding of your call as a Christian?
7. How have the Servant's actions atoned for the sins of an unholy people? Why was such severe action necessary?
8. Read John 20:21-22. Where are you being sent to participate in the mission of the Great Servant, Jesus Christ?

Prayer: Our Father, we thank you for the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, the great Servant, who laid down his own life for us. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. He was crushed, put to grief, yet now his soul has made an offering for guilt, and he sees his offspring. Out of the anguish of his soul Christ sees and is satisfied. We thank you that by his knowledge the Servant makes many to be accounted righteous, and bears our iniquities. Through your Spirit, make us more and more into the image of the Servant, Jesus Christ, that you might be glorified. In the name of the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (*Adapted from Isaiah 53:7-12*)