



Community Group Questions
April 20th, 2014
Isaiah 53:10-12

1. When you think of *satisfaction*, what thoughts and pictures comes to your mind? What does it take for you to feel satisfied in life?
2. Isaiah 53 paints a striking picture of “the Suffering Servant.” As we apply these images to Jesus Christ, what aspects surprise you? Which of these word pictures do you find particularly compelling or helpful?
3. Think about the incongruity of the God of the Universe taking the form of a servant who suffers. How does this portrayal of Jesus set him apart from other religious leaders or from other popular models of leadership in the world?
4. This text describes an instance of the “upside-down” nature of the Kingdom of God. What are some other instances of this topsy-turvy approach that we find in the Bible?
5. The idea of resurrection is muted, but profound in Isaiah 53. Have a closer look at verses 10-12. How does these verses suggest the idea that the Servant dies, but lives again. How does the reality of resurrection validate or empower the suffering of the Servant?
6. As heirs of the resurrection, what does this teach us about our own approach to service? How might you and I serve others in ways consistent with the example of the Servant in this text? What would that look like in specific terms?