

SERMON QUESTIONS

OPENER:

Were you familiar with Isaiah 53 before learning about it in this week's sermon? What strikes you about this passage? How can this passage help lead us into Easter Sunday?

WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT MY SINFUL NATURE?

READ ISAIAH 53.

This passage speaks about how the servant was rejected. Answer the following questions:

- What about the servant caused people to reject him?
- Why do you think it's so easy for us as humans to do this? Why do you think some people reject Jesus?

WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT GOD?

- The Servant in Isaiah 53 sacrificed. He was willingly punished for someone else's crimes and sins. As Pastor Dave put it, the servant stepped in as a substitute for the people that actually deserved it.
 - What does this sacrifice mean to you?
- The passage also shows that the servant triumphed.
 - How can such big a sacrifice as this be considered a triumph?
 - How was the death of Jesus on the cross ultimately a triumph?

HOW DOES THE PASSAGE POINT TO JESUS?

- What evidence do you have that the servant in this passage is a prophecy about Jesus Christ?
- **READ ACTS 8:26-40.**
 - What is impactful to you when you read this passage?
 - How can this interaction be a model for how we talk to others about Jesus and our faith?

HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO RESPOND?

- As we enter the last week before Easter, look back on this year's Lenten time. What has God been teaching you, whether through the sermons each week, a small group, or even just your circumstances or interactions with others?
- When you let the truth of what Christ did for you be personal, it will change your life. How has this been true for you?