

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Synopsis: Chapter 53 of Isaiah begins with the prophecy of the Humble Servant. God gives us everything in His Son but demands everything in return. However, we are given the Holy Spirit to have the capacity to fulfill our part of the gracious covenant. This servant is a holy, suffering, and humble one: *the Messiah*.

WELCOME: What is your all-time favorite movie?

WORSHIP: We Will Not Be Shaken– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03YWAhBzjYQ>

WORD: Read Isaiah 53

- What was the one thing that stood out to you the most in this scripture/sermon?
- Explain the difference between a contract and a covenant.
- In the covenant God wants to make with us, what do you bring as an offering? What does He offer you?

Verses 1-3 describe Jesus as coming with *no pomp and circumstance*, with nothing in his *appearance* that we should desire Him.

- Describe a time in your life when you/we may have underestimated Jesus and He over-delivered.
- In what ways do we minimize our experience with God?
- Answer each of the following questions thoughtfully: What are some practical ways to maximize our experience with God in church? At dGroup? How about in our quiet time? With our family? At work?
- How does Jesus coming as servant model the way you should respond to God and others?

Focusing on verses 4-7:

Pastor Bryan reminded us that God’s grace through the work of Jesus results in righteousness-based performance, NOT performance-based righteousness.

- What’s the difference?
- How do we see both scenarios play out in our lives?

Focusing on verses 8-12:

- In what ways can we experience and live out the magnitude of grace that Jesus provided through His sacrifice? (e.g., courage, authority, strength, generosity, etc.)
- What does it look like to drink deeply of God’s grace?
- How can we apply the strategy to live our lives and establish God’s Kingdom as seen in this passage? (i.e., High demands = High Promises + Extreme Grace)
- What demand is God making on your life right now? How will you respond?
- What promises do you feel God is making to you?

WITNESS: Take this time to prayerfully analyze your dGroup. Don’t dismiss this. How is your group experiencing God’s grace every week? How is He challenging you to believe His message to you and it out? How are you growing individually and as a group?