

ISAIAH

Discussion Guide

November 13/14 Sermon | Isaiah 50:4-52:12

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

What is the solution for the nation of Israel, which fears people more than God?

1. Read Isaiah 51:1-8 and note all the commands given to Israel in this text. How will following each command help them?
 - a. How will it help them to “look to the rock from which they were hewn”: (Abraham and Sarah)?
 - b. Why should they pay attention to God and lift up their eyes to God?
 - c. Why should Israel not fear the reproach of man?

For additional discussion, review questions from Day 1 & Day 2 of the Devotional

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Isaiah 50:4-9 is Isaiah’s third “Servant Song.”

1. What has the LORD done for his servant according to these verses?
2. What has the servant done, according to these verses?

Read Matthew 26:67 and Matthew 27:30.

3. How does Matthew affirm that this servant is Jesus?

For other connections, review questions from Day 3 & 4 of the Devotional.

APPLY TO OUR STORY

We learned in this text (Isa. 50:4-11) that Jesus was the servant who could sustain the weary (v.4) and withstand all opposition (v.7). Israel failed to live this kind of lifestyle (tender and tenacious!) but we are called to imitate Jesus in this manner.

1. What was a recent example you have seen of tenderness amongst the people in your CG?
2. How have you seen your CG or family be tenacious in the midst of recent challenges?
3. Do you have any stories where you have seen both tenderness and tenacity (in the same situation) in someone you look up to?

Jesus is a positive example of gentleness and strength, and we saw that this ability came from God's help (v.9). The primary way God helps us today is through His word which teaches us who God is and how to serve Him.

4. How often do you spend time with the Word of God?
5. What is something you have recently learned from the Scriptures about God's character or what He requires of His people?

Prayer

Spend some time praying for the Lord to give you a greater hunger for His Word.
Spend some time praying for any other prayer requests the group is willing to share.