

Jesus Experienced Significant Struggle

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-12

Sermon Points: Jesus related with our struggles so that we can relate with Him.

- 1. Jesus knows our struggles. (v1-3)
- 2. Jesus carried our struggles. (v4-9)
- 3. Jesus transforms our struggles. (v10-12)

Group Opener: Discuss this Tony Evans quote. "He could be thirsty because He was fully human. He could walk on water because He was fully God."

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Your struggle can be an opportunity to get real with God. How has God used times of struggle to draw you close to Him?
- 2. Everyone needs someone who understands their struggles. From Isaiah 53:1-3, which of the five struggles that Jesus faced resonates with you these days?
 - Not being attractive v2
 - Rejection v3
 - Sorrow, familiar with suffering v3
 - Being hated, despised v3
 - Disregarded, held in low esteem v3
- 3. Jesus carried our sins into death so we might find peace with God. How do you access peace with God amid life's struggles, what practices help you?
- 4. Read Isaiah 53:10 says, "The will of the Lord will prosper in His hand." Take a few moments to gather prayer requests as a small group and place your struggles into Jesus' hand.

NOTE: For the next couple weeks we will be introducing Tim Kuhl to our church before the May 21st message and congregational vote. You can find out more about the process at hcbc.com/search. We will make available the videos shown on Sunday so that you can watch them together with your small group. Videos are available on Right Now Media and the HCBC Small Group Leaders Facebook Group.

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