

THE SUFFERING SERVANT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ISAIAH 53:1-6

1 **How relevant is the question in 53:1 today?** Is it still being asked? Do many people believe in the Gospel today? Did they believe in Jesus' message? Why were there great numbers but few real faithful followers? What is Jesus' explanation of this in John 6:26? What is His recommendation to the crowd in John 6:27?

 *How do you feel standing next to Jesus? Does his humility make your pride look bad? Has his simplicity made your materialism seem greedy? Does his submission to the Father make you look disgracefully disobedient? How are you responding to the vast difference between you and Jesus? People either run to him for help and change, or they run from him in flat rejection. What is your response?*

 *Rejection isn't just shaking your fist at heaven, it could be just a failure to listen to God. What kind of noise in your life is squelching out God's voice?*

 *Although his appearance didn't seem to be the strong arm of God, how did Jesus demonstrate divine strength in his life and ministry on earth?*

2 **Look at Isaiah 53:2.** What does a little shoot look like compared to a majestic tree? Why might Jesus be described as a little plant in a dry ground? What incidents in Jesus' life foster this description?

3 **Who despised Jesus during His birth and ministry?** List some examples below:

4 **How was Jesus a 'man of sorrows' during His life on earth?**

 *Reflect on the Gospels and consider several sorrows of Christ. Reflect on your own personal story of the Christian life and consider the sorrows you have endured.*

 *Look at Philippians 3:10 and talk about what the "fellowship of His suffering" means.*

