

The Suffering King

SERMON DATE: 04/05/2026 | Isaiah 52:15-53:12

WARM-UP QUESTION:

Have you ever been surprised by how someone handled pain or hardship? What made their response stand out to you?

PRAY TOGETHER

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION:

Ask someone to read Isaiah 52:15–53:12 aloud.

Q: What stands out to you most in this passage on first reading—and why do you think it caught your attention?

Q: How do you feel or what you think about when you realize that this passage was written over 700 years before Jesus was born.

Q: Go through the passage together verse by verse. As you look at each line, share what you remember from the Gospel accounts of Jesus' suffering and death that aligns with what you're reading in Isaiah.

Q: Isaiah describes a Servant who is unimpressive in appearance yet eternally significant. Why does God choose to work this way?

Q: The Servant is 'despised and rejected.' Why do people tend to reject things that are truly from God.

Q: This passage emphasizes substitution—'He was pierced for our transgressions.' Why do you think it's hard for us humans to accept "grace-gifts" from God?

Q: How Jesus' example as the Suffering Servant reshape how you think about success and faithfulness in your walk with Jesus?

Q: Verse 11 says the servant is 'satisfied' through suffering. What do you think brought Him that satisfaction?

Q: Describe how you are impacted by the knowledge that "by His wounds, you are healed."

Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for bearing our sin and suffering, and asking God to shape your group into people marked by humility, compassion, and sacrificial love.