

A First Church Christmas: An Ancient Christmas - An Ancient Death

Scripture: Isaiah 53

Questions

1. Open the group in prayer, then read Isaiah 53 together as a refresher.
2. The Idea of someone suffering for us is a hard one to stomach. What feelings would come to you if you found out that a family member was suffering for you? Especially because of you?
3. **The first few points of Pastor Shaen's sermon talk about how Jesus was Normal and Rejected. Isaiah went out of his way to tell us that socially and visually there was nothing special about Jesus. Do we see and acknowledge others in our lives that would fit those two categories? Who does God bring to mind in your life that you may be overlooking because they fit into those categories?**
4. **Shaen mentions that Jesus bore and died for our sins. We need to understand the gravity of what Jesus has done for us. What would you give to not have those sins presented before God and the world? Because of what Jesus has done on the cross God looks at you and sees Jesus!**
5. **Jesus gathers lost sheep, but sometimes we feel like we have it all together. Is it really fair to lump us all in to the same status? Explain how you think verse 6 must still be the truth, that "all we like sheep have gone astray."**
6. **What are some ways that you acknowledge Jesus' Choice to Die in your place? How does that change your day to day life? Does it?**
7. **Why was it important for Jesus to be perfectly innocent? Verse 9 says, "there was no deceit in his mouth." What if He had bent the truth a little bit while debating the Pharisees? Would that affect us at all?**
8. **What do you think of Jesus?**
9. **Close in Prayer**