

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ISAIAH

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 50

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Our sin and circumstances can make us feel that God has abandoned us, but God delights in us because of Jesus' obedience and atoning work, and His love stirs us to honor and worship him with our lives.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What do you think is the main theme of Isaiah 50?
- What point is God making with his hypothetical/rhetorical questions at the opening of the chapter (verses 1-3)? Are there sins in your life that you're "stuck in" and need to repent of?
- Who is speaking in verses 4-10? Contrast the Servant's character with Israel's. Discuss how we are saved by Jesus' faithfulness to the Father.
- Explain how the word of God sustains us (verse 4)?
- Why the repetition of the title "the Lord God" in this text?
- How and why did Jesus voluntarily suffer at the hands of sinners (Luke 9:51; 1 Peter 2:22-23)? In what way did God vindicate Jesus (verses 7-8)?
- What is the positive fear mentioned in verse 10? What does it produce? How is it different from negative fear (Psalm 130:3-4)?
- What are the two approaches to walking in darkness described in verses 10-11? What are the consequences of each method?
- How does this passage anticipate the gospel of Jesus Christ?