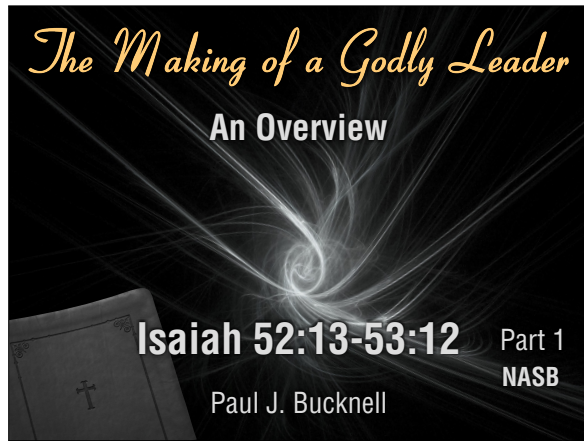




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Focal Point of Isaiah 53

When asked who Isaiah 53 referred to, Philip unabashedly shared Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

"HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH" (Acts 8:32).

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A Broad Introduction of Isaiah 53

- The *Half Torah* excluded **Isaiah 53**
- Chapter 52: The success of "My Servant"
- Chapter 53: The **reason** for His success.
- Isaiah 40-66's four **Servant Songs**

Servant Song #1	42:1-4	His Person
Servant Song #2	49:1-7	His Calling
Servant Song #3	50:4-9	His Determination
Servant Song #4	52:13-53:12	His Availability

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4) Our Lives as God's Servants

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

- The Christian life **parallels** Christ's own life, complete with sorrow and rewards.
- Suffering is sometimes required to accomplish a greater good.
- Suffering for God's people is not a mistake but a strategy, including martyrdom.
- Each Christian should prepare one's heart to endure any necessary **suffering**.
- God gives extra grace to meet the needs of especially difficult times.
- Christ Jesus died as a **substitute** for our sins that we might be set free to serve.
- A joyful attitude is possible because of God's promised blessing.
- Servant leadership occurs when we set our hearts on serving and blessing others.



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Summary

- By understanding Christ's suffering, we can experience true redemptive **freedom**.
- Confidence in God's plan for our complete lives provides the strength to endure all things for Him.
- The fullness of God's love is not only found in forgiveness of sins but in the opportunity to serve God and others. (Luke 9:23)

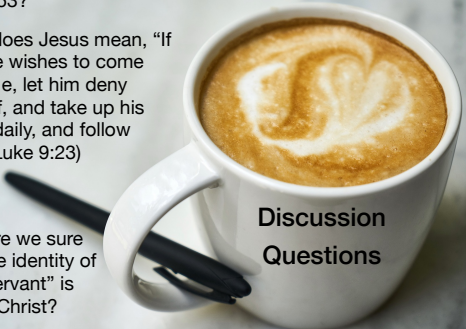
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1. Why did (do) the Jews hide Isaiah 53?

2. What does Jesus mean, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

3. Why are we sure that the identity of "My Servant" is Jesus Christ?



Discussion Questions

