

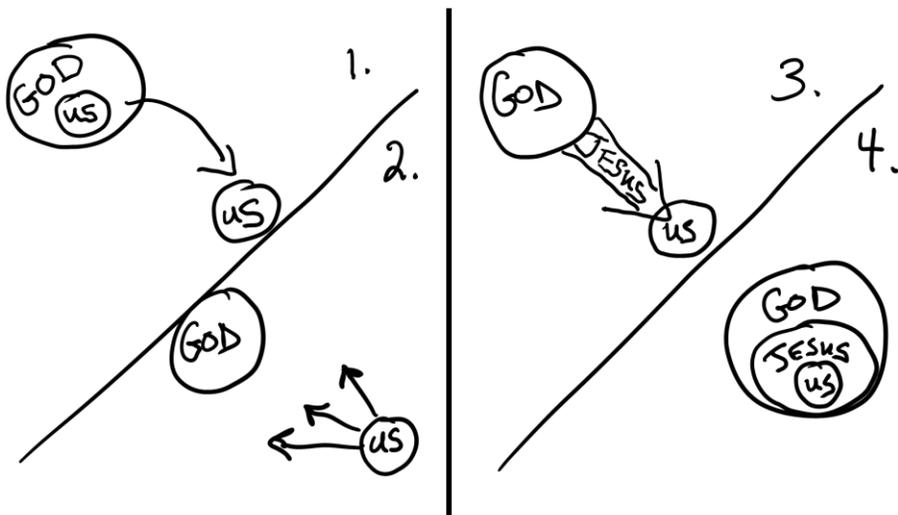
(re)union



Learning, Living, and Giving the Good News of Jesus

ADDENDUM

APPETIZER: Philip's Attentiveness & Initiative



Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.
~ Acts 8:35

DINE IN: The Arm of the Lord

Isaiah 53

1. The plan is all God's.
2. The violence is all ours.
3. The result is our healing (not God's appeasement).

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, ... Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
~ The Apostle Peter (Acts 2:23-24, 38)

Jesus is **God with us**, come to → Isaiah 53:1 (& 52:10; 59:16)
 1. **show us** God's love, → Isaiah 53:3-5
 2. **save us** from sin, → Isaiah 53:5-6
 3. **set up** God's kingdom, and → Isaiah 53:11-12
 4. **shut down** religion, → Isaiah 53:10-11
 so we can **share in** God's life. → Isaiah 54

PSA FOOTNOTE: Because this passage says Jesus takes "punishment" upon himself, some Christians see God the Father pouring out his wrath, his angry punishment for our sins, upon Jesus instead of us. This is called "Penal Substitutionary Atonement" and is one theory about how atonement works. Advocates for PSA then argue that this outpouring of divine wrath is what the "crushing" of Christ refers to in verse 10. But note, the text never says *God* punished Jesus, and in fact, it specifically rules that theory out in verses 4-5. The cup of God's wrath in 51:22 is not mentioned here. God did "crush" Jesus (verse 10), but with what? Not with his own punishment or wrath, but with the weight of our sin. In the end, this passage describes how Christ's death changes us by healing us, not how it changes God by propitiating his wrath. God is not angry with you.

TAKE OUT: Our Attentiveness & Initiative

The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."
 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.
 ~ Acts 8:29-30

Dear Jesus,
 My sin has raged against you.
 Yet you've never given up on me.
 Help me not give up on others.
 Amen

NEXT WEEK: Special Guest Michael Messenger!

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What is the most important thing you've learned throughout this series?
2. Review Sunday's message. Talk about something that stood out to you as an encouragement, challenge, disagreement, or question. (Take your time with this – there's lots to cover!)

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Isaiah 53**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. One of the most precious lines in this chapter is "**by his wounds we are healed.**" How do the wounds of Christ heal our wounds? If you can, use Scripture to support your answer.
 - c. When Jesus was being judged, he didn't defend himself (verse 7). What are some scenarios today when it would be best not to argue back?
 - d. Who killed Christ – God or us? Use evidence from this passage to build your case. How does your answer fit with Peter's description in **Acts 2:23-24**?
 - e. In a minute or less, how would you summarize the gospel using **Isaiah 53**?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Use your regular huddle questions. Also pray for your Study Buddies, and for yourselves, that you might continue grow in your understanding of and ability to communicate the gospel.

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Quotes

Welcome to an addendum to our series about learning, living, and giving the gospel of Jesus.

One of the most significant passages about the gospel of Jesus was written approximately 700 years before Jesus was even born. In Isaiah 53 we read these amazing prophetic words...

He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
~ The Prophet Isaiah