

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGE - Isaiah 53:7-9

- 7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.
- 8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9** And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**Other Passages: Luke 19:28-44; Zech. 9:9-10; Ps. 118:25-28**

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

**Reread Isaiah 53 and Luke 19:28-39 as a group. Compare and contrast these two portrayals of Jesus as the Messiah. What stands out to you?**

1. Isaiah 53:7-9 emphasizes Jesus' willingness and submission as He walked to the cross. He did not resist or fight for His rights. What enabled Him to respond in such a humble way?
2. Jesus' earliest followers had specific expectations for who He was and what He would do. God's vision for restoration was far bigger. What are some ways in which our view of God's work can be too small?
3. What are ways in which we limit or resist the work that God wants to do in our lives or the solutions He may intend to use?
4. Take some time to recall a time in your life when God showed up unexpectedly or accomplished a work in your life in a surprising way.

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**