

# ISAIAH

## 'The Substitute'

### Isaiah 52:13-53:12



#### Starter-questions for reflection and discussion

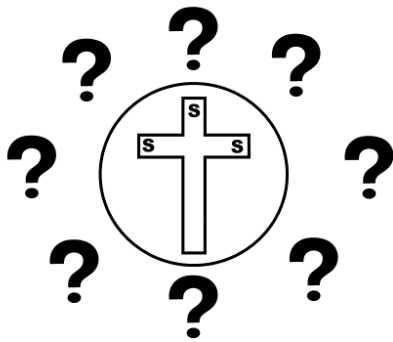
? what struck you most in today's sermon / passage? What's the main thing you're going to take away?

? why is the cross the answer to so many of our longings in life?

? how does Jesus' suffering help us when we are suffering?

? "And when I think that God his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, MY burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away MY sin. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee. How great thou art". Is what what this hymn says true for you? What difference does it make?

? "A cross-centered life is made up of cross-centered days". How can we make the cross more central in our daily lives?



#### The **SUFFERING** of the servant

- Sorrowful life
- Unpromising beginnings
- Ordinary appearance
- Widespread rejection
- Physical affliction

#### The **SUBSTITUTION** of the man

- Substitutionary suffering
- Totally innocent
- Truly human
- Divinely punished
- Completely willing

#### The **SUCCESS** of the mission

- Raised to life
- Exalted to rule