

WOUNDS OF THE CROSS

Isaiah 53:4-6
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INTRO:

A single thread, woven in many ways

A. OUR SICKNESS IS REAL AND DEEP

1. We are **broken** by pain we cannot fix (v. 4a)
2. We are **burdened** by a weight we cannot carry (v. 4b)
3. We **lost** by our choices we cannot undo (v. 6a)

B. OUR SAVIOR IS WILLING AND WOUNDED

1. Jesus did not merely express sympathy—but became our **substitute**
2. Jesus did not only weep over our pain—but **bore** it upon Himself
3. Jesus did not prescribe a remedy—He became the **cure**

C. OUR SOLUTION IS SECURE AND SUFFICIENT

1. We are **restored** (v. 5b)
2. We are **healed** (v. 5c)
3. We are **forgiven** (v. 6b)

CONCLUSION:

The picture of the God's love and forgiveness for us.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: "What's the worst DIY project or injury you've ever tried to fix on your own—and made worse?"

Read the Passage: Isaiah 53:4–6 (take turns)

Group Discussion Questions:

1. OUR SICKNESS IS REAL AND DEEP

- What kinds of “griefs” and “sorrows” does Isaiah say Jesus carried?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that sin is just bad behavior rather than a deeper spiritual sickness?
- In what ways do you see people (or yourself) trying to fix this “sickness” with temporary solutions?

2. OUR SAVIOR IS WILLING AND WOUNDED

- Why is it important that Jesus didn’t just sympathize with us but actually took our place?
- Which of these three phrases speaks to you most right now, and why: *He stood in for us*, *He carried our pain* and *He became the cure*.

3. OUR SOLUTION IS SECURE AND SUFFICIENT

- Isaiah mentions that “by His wounds we are healed.” What kind of healing is this talking about?
- What does it mean to have peace with God—and how can we experience that daily?
- Why is it important to remember that God laid our sin on Jesus intentionally?



Prayer Focus:

- Thank Jesus for bearing our griefs, carrying our sorrows, and healing our wounds.
- Pray for those in your group or community who feel burdened or broken.
- Announce the upcoming Good Friday (April 18) and Resurrection Sunday events (April 20).