

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).