



## CONVERSATION STARTER

Think about a time when you were misunderstood or mislabeled by others. How did that affect you emotionally or relationally? Did you try to defend yourself—or stay silent? Why?

## DEEPER

NOTE: Even though we are in Isaiah, this would still be a good time to reflect on how group members are doing in their memorization of James 1 if you've accepted the challenge together.

### Read Isaiah 53

1. There are many verses in this chapter of Isaiah that have been quoted by New Testament authors. How many can you find together? Feel free to dialog and expand on each's context.
2. What does Isaiah 53 and the sermon reveal about God, yourself, and others?
3. How is "Jesus died for sins" different from "Jesus died for my sins"? In what ways are you living like your sin is still yours to carry?
4. What does it practically mean that Jesus is interceding for you right now?
5. How would your prayer life change if you truly believed Jesus is actively advocating for you?
6. Talk about the connection between being "forgiven" and being given an "inheritance". What competes with your excitement for your eternal inheritance?
7. What else from the sermon lingered with you this week? What questions or thoughts did it stir up?
8. Based on the message, are there any practical steps you can take leading up to Easter?

## NOTES

## GROUP PRAYER

Take a moment of silence (30-60 seconds) to identify a past or present sin in your life that is weighing you down. Go around the room and pray about what sin (past or present) is weighing you down. Challenge yourself to be a little vulnerable with the group as you pray like this:

“Jesus, thank you for bearing my sin of \_\_\_\_\_. Help me to remove this sin from my life. Or help me to not dwell on this past sin and know that you already carried it to the cross. And thank you for interceding for me even now. Help me to live in that freedom. Amen.”