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## LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

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### The Startling Servant

**Read: Isaiah 52.13-53.3**

1. What type of literature is Isaiah's writing? In his speaking of things to come what are some things that he has been proclaiming to the Jews? How does the fact that the text we are looking at is written 700 years before Jesus is born, yet it is speaking of His substitute work on the cross, impact you, your thinking and faith?
2. Who is the Servant that God is speaking to Isaiah about? In others parts of Isaiah who does God also refer to as His servant? How do we know the Lord is referring to Jesus (53.4-5; 1 Peter 2.24; Acts 8.35)?
3. What is the Lord referring to when He says, *My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted* (Isaiah 6.1; Philipians 2.9-11)?
4. When the Lord refers to the Jews in 52.14 what does He mean when saying, *just as many were astonished at you?* Why would they be astonished or startled at Jesus?
5. How far-stretching of an impact will the suffering and death of Jesus have and what kind of impact (52.15)? What does the word sprinkle mean and refer to (remember two possibilities spoken of in the sermon – Hebrews 10.22; 1 Peter 1.1-2)? How did Paul use this Scripture (52.15) in Romans 15.20-21?
6. Who is *the arm of the Lord* (53.1)? What is *a tender shoot* (53.2)? What does it mean that *no one would look at Him or be attracted to Him* (53.2)? Why do some see Him as such? Do we sometimes see Jesus as less-appealing than maybe we have before? Why?
7. Why was Jesus *despised and forsaken* (53.3)? What does it mean that He was *a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief* (53.3)?

**Pray.**