

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 50:4-11

Memory Passage: Isaiah 50:10–11

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 50:4–11.** How do the four occurrences of “Lord GOD” in verses 4–9 help you understand its structure?
- (b) What does the Lord GOD do in verses 4–9 (no need to explain yet; simply tell what the text says he does in 2 or 3 words)?
- (c) Who speaks in vs. 4–9, and to whom does he speak? Who speaks in vs. 10–11, and to whom does he speak?
- (d) How do vs. 4–9 connect in context to vs. 1–3?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 50:4–11.** What does the Lord GOD give the Servant, and for what purpose does he give it (v. 4a–d)?
- (b) How does the Servant know what to say with his tongue (v. 4e–g)?
- (c) How does the Servant respond to his newly-opened ear (v. 5b–c)?
- (d) How does this obedience manifest in the Servant’s life (v. 6)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 50:4–11.** In what way(s) did the Lord GOD help the Servant, and what are the results of this help (v. 7)?
- (b) What challenges does the Servant issue (v. 8b–e), and to whom are they issued?
- (c) In what way has the Lord GOD vindicated his Servant, and how does his nearness inspire the Servant’s challenges (v. 8a)?
- (d) How does the Lord GOD help his Servant in v. 9 (answer from the context!)? Is there a difference between the help mentioned in v. 7 and the help mentioned in v. 9? Explain.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 50:4–11.** Explain the offer found in v. 10. To whom is it given? Is fearing Yahweh different from obeying the voice of his Servant? Explain your answer.
- (b) Explain the warning given in v. 11. To what do the references to fire and burning torches refer, and what penalty awaits?

(c) How are the truths found in vs. 4–9 fulfilled in the life of Jesus (if you need some help, begin with Matt 7:28–29, 26:67, 27:26, Mark 6:2, Luke 9:51, Rom 8:33–34, Heb 5:8)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Is. 50:4–11.** The Hebrew word translated as “those who are taught” in v. 4b is translated as “disciples” in 8:16. In what way does the Servant’s life in v. 4 instruct and equip you for discipleship ministry in Bible Church?
- (b) “Morning by morning” (v. 4) shows the Servant involved in the regular and early intake of Yahweh’s word. How will you increase the regular intake of the Scriptures (Yahweh’s breathed-out word)?
- (c) How many times in the last month have you been “rebellious” (v. 5) when God opens your ears to his word? What will you do the next time you sense this rebellion rising in you as you intake God’s word?
- (d) In what ways does God’s vindication of you in Christ “help” you to accomplish obeying (rather than rebelling against) God’s word? In what ways does God’s work in Christ on your behalf equip you to “trust in the name of Yahweh and rely on his God” (v. 10)?
- (e) Write a paragraph detailing how to lead someone to Christ using Is 50:4–11.
- (f) Write a paragraph detailing how to disciple someone struggling to kill sin using Is 50:4–11.

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The Listening, Discipling, Obedient Servant