

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **February 23, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), “The Great Submission”
Please read the sermon passage (Isaiah 53:1-9) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Isaiah 53:7-9)

Sermon Outline:

1. **Christ submitted to the God the Father’s will through his trials (v 7)**
 - a. Christ’s sufferings were not God the Father’s “Plan B.”
 - b. Christ did not open his mouth to defend himself. Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12-14.
2. **Christ submitted to God the Father’s will in his death (v 8)**
 - a. Christ’s death was not God the Father’s “Plan B.”
 - b. The one who is life died to bring life. Fulfillment: Matthew 27:39, 40 & 50.
3. **Christ submitted to God the Father’s will in this burial (v 9)**
 - a. Christ’s burial was not God the Father’s “Plan B.”
 - b. He was buried with the rich. Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Jesus was acquainted with our sorrows and actually came to suffer and die. He did not try to avoid his trials—he embraced them. How does this prophecy, given by Isaiah 700+ years prior to Christ’s sufferings, encourage your faith in Scripture and Jesus?
2. What can you learn about handling trials through observing and learning from Jesus’ example?
3. When wrongly accused, Jesus did not respond verbally. There are times to speak, but there are also times to remain quiet. How can we discern when it is time to remain silent? Describe how you are learning to remain silent.
4. Many tried to stand in the way of Christ’s death—from Satan to Peter. But Christ would not be side-tracked from death. He knew that he had come to die for the sins of the world and to save those who would trust him. How does Christ’s obedience and powerful death impact your faith in him and love for him?
5. Christ lived a humble life, but was buried among the rich. Based on the circumstances of his life this would have seemed impossible—yet it was prophesied hundreds of years prior to his even being born. How does this encourage your faith in God?