



Sermon-based Small Group Guide

Week of December 6 *For What Were They Hoping?*

Scripture

Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12

Sermon Summary

The exiled people of God are hoping for deliverance, hoping that God will intercede for them. They look for a new Moses – a deliverer, a new David – a king. What Isaiah sees in his vision from God is a different kind of Deliverer King. The hope of Israel will be consummated by a suffering servant, someone who will enter into our brokenness and take on our suffering, so that we may be made righteous.

This is God's love, a love which enters into our hurt and pain, a love that demonstrates the lengths to which God will go to bring us out of exile.

Reflection Questions

1. What if what you want isn't what you need?
2. Is your heart open to receiving the savior as God chooses him to be or are you hoping for something else?
3. If God's plan deeply prospers through Jesus, are you prospering alongside him?