



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on

**Sermon: Suffering God**  
**Text: Isaiah 53**

### **Gathering Guidelines**

**-Watch Pastor Marty's intro video for this week.**

### **Take some time to worship**

**Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.**

### **Read**

- Chapter Isaiah 53
- "Rejection of God as Lord in the Garden of Eden introduced mankind to the effects of sin (death) and we perpetuated the sin cycle in our own lives today. We know that the wages of sin is death and that it burdens the heart of the God who longs for restoration and reconciliation. The holy Trinity has been active in man's life since the beginning ever looking to remove the warriors that block His blessings. Isaiah was shown and we now know the cost God paid to bridge the gap to our hearts. Will we continue to surrender and die to self? Will we pick up our cross as well as walk in the dignity laid out for us as children of God, perfect in His sight?"

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) Does the idea of God being subject to suffering seem wrong? why/why not?
- 2) Do you see clearly in scripture the three areas highlighted in T.E. Fretheims book?
- 3) Can you see how they are applicable now and not just in the Old Testament?
- 4) We know that who we are is found in Him. We know that our why is determined by imitating our Lord by reflecting His heart in our life's why.

We know that while carrying out our this why our how requires us to operate in Love. What is your what right now?

- 5) Have you ever tried to accomplish your what on your own in your own strength? How did that go? Have you ever experienced accomplishing your goals with His help (Through the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ)?

### **Invitation and Mission for this week**

When you hit a wall or the end of your rope this week after trying to accomplish the tasks and business of life. Pause (literally) and invite God to remind you of who you are in Christ and ask Him to show you His heart for the task at hand and the people involved.

### **Pray for each other**

**Go around your circle and pray for the person on your left. Pray from the content of your discussions tonight and declare God's truth/blessing over the person next to you. Everyone is invited to pray. Everyone is invited to receive prayer.**