



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on October 17, 2021

Sermon: The Cross  
Text: Isaiah 53:3-11

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUvpBphq5og> At The Cross

Read

Isaiah 53:3-11

### Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question: What's your favorite sandwich and why?

Question #1:

Isaiah 53:3 talks about how Jesus suffered and was filled with sorrow. People hated him and held him in low regard.

Now read Matthew 26:39.

Jesus embraced his suffering even though people hated him for it. He talked about not doing his own will, but instead doing his Father's will. How do you think Jesus felt about what he was going through?

Question #2:

Isaiah 53:4-5 talks about how Jesus took all our sins upon himself and that it actually crushed him. Talk about how that impacts you. . .think about the effects of sin. . .try and imagine Jesus' own thoughts.

**Question #3:**

**Do you think Jesus was mad at the prospect of going through all this suffering for people who hated him?**

**Read John 10:17-18 and then Matthew 11:28-30 to get a frame of reference.**

**Question #4:**

**What is accomplished by Jesus' suffering for sin?**

**Read Isaiah 53:5-6. This talks about our 'transgressions' (wrongdoings) and 'iniquities' (sins) being placed on Jesus, and that this brought us *peace*.**

**Then read 53:11. . .**

**Here it says that Jesus will 'justify many'. . .this means that those who have put their trust in Jesus have had their sins forgiven, have been given peace in relationship with God and have been made right with Him.**

**Two Questions from this:**

- 1. What thoughts arise in you when you think about what Jesus did for you?**
- 2. Do you ever struggle to feel *genuinely* grateful for the gift of salvation? Does it seem hard to really feel the immensity and goodness of being made right with God?**

**Question #5:**

**Nehemiah 8:11 says "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."**

**This tells us two things: 1. Jesus is filled with joy (the joy of *the Lord*). 2. This joy of Jesus is real and has effects in us. . .it *strengthens* us.**

**And Hebrews 12:2 says "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who *for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*"**

**Jesus was filled with joy in the midst of his suffering for our sin because he saw the amazing result that would be accomplished. . .the salvation of many people, including you and I! This joy is in us, because Jesus lives in us. It is meant to strengthen us to live with freedom and strength just like Jesus.**

**It is clear that joy in salvation is God's intent and this is something that He wants His children to experience. If this is something that you would like to**

**increase in your walk with Jesus, take time now to pray for the joy of your salvation to rise up in you.**

**Invitation and Mission for this week**

**Take some time now to ask the Lord to show you one person in your life that currently doesn't know Jesus as Saviour. This week purpose to pray for this individual every day that he/she would also experience the joy of salvation in Jesus.**

**Pray for each other**

**Pray for each other to accomplish the mission being asked of you.**