

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Session Summary

This section of Old Testament Scripture in the book of Isaiah has been a favorite among many throughout the history of the church. While there are tons of signs, pointers, and foreshadows of Jesus all throughout the Old Testament, these sections in Isaiah stand out in their description and mission of God's future Messiah—Jesus! The Lord started by explaining the Servant's great success in three ways: raised, lifted, and exalted. In other words, fame and fortune would come to the Servant. Yet this Man would suffer deeply. His punishment would not be for His own sins but for those who would behold Him in faith. However, it's this pivotal act that would cause knees to bow and to give Him the name above every name.

Conversation Questions

- What does it mean for our family to be considered as suffering servants of God?
- How does the sufferings of Jesus give our family hope in the midst of our own suffering?
- In what ways do we see the plan and purpose of God in our sufferings?
- How can our family encourage others to look toward Jesus in their suffering?

Family Challenge

Choose a family or friend that is suffering through hard times and figure out ways your family can minister to them. Maybe they could use some help around the house or need meals taken to them. Whatever it is, your family should be intentional in reaching out to that friend or family. Over the next few weeks, take the time as a family to pray for them and to find ways to speak God's truth in their lives despite their suffering.