

Discussion Guide for God on Trial: Part 4

1. Read Isaiah 53 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus willingly died to take the punishment that we deserved from God the Father. His death spotlights both God's seriousness about sin and God's love for sinners.

Read Isaiah 53:8-11

How do vs. 8-9 highlight the wickedness of Jesus' enemies and the innocence of Jesus Himself?

In light of Jesus' innocence, why is v. 10 shocking?

Who was it that ultimately "crushed" and put of Christ to "grief"?

How does Christ being called and "offering for guilt" connect Him to the whole of salvation history?

What victory and vindication do you see in vs. 10-11?

Where are we in vs. 10-11? How does that make you feel?

Read 1 Peter 1:13-21

What does Peter give as the stabilizing focus of the Christians life in v.13?

What are the commands for we who await Jesus's return in vs. 14-16?

What motivation does Peter give for holiness in v.17?

Why would Peter point out God holy hatred of sin to forgiven Christians?

How do you see God's holiness and justice driving your own holiness?

What parallel motivation for holiness does Peter give in v.18?

How does the death of Christ inform show us the truth about sin?

How does gratitude for Christ's sacrifice motivate you to obedience?