

## **WEEK 4 – THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

About 700 years before Jesus was born, God gave Isaiah an insight into the Special One, God's Servant, the Messiah, who would come (chapters 40-55). This week we will look at one section of that, that paints the picture of what Jesus accomplished on the cross at Calvary.

Part of it reminds us of sin, that we thought about in Week 1 of our Readings, and part of the horror of the Cross that we thought on last week – so look out for those sections as you read this passage. However, our theme this week is The Power of The Cross, so we will focus on the impact of what Jesus has done, when He offered Himself as our substitute.

12 Mar – Read ISAIAH 52v13 to 53v12 - Reflect on today's sermon

13 Mar – ISA 53 v 4 – “.. He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows ...”

QU What are “our infirmities”? Are they only physical? How did Jesus take them up?

QU What does Jesus carrying “our sorrows” look like? How might we hand them over for him to carry?

14 Mar – ISA 53 v 5 – “ ... the punishment that brought us peace was upon him...”

QU How does this “peace” relate to us and God? Us and others? Us and ourselves?

QU How do we bring that “peace” into the situations and relationships that we are in?

15 Mar – ISA 53 v 5 – “ ... by his wounds we are healed.”

QU Consider the contrast: His wounds = our healing! Where are you longing to see healing?

QU What might “healing” look like for you? For others? Take time to pray for God to heal?

16 Mar – ISA 53 v 10 – “ ... he will see his offspring and prolong his days ...”

QU Who are His offspring – past/present/future? Can people still become his offspring today?

QU When did/will He “see” them – past/present/future? In what way does he see you?

17 Mar – ISA 53 v 12 - “... he will divide the spoils with the strong,”

QU What are the “spoils” that Jesus has won? How does he share them?

QU Who are “the strong” and why does Jesus share the spoils with them?

18 Mar – ISA 52v13 - 53 v 12

Re-read the whole passage. Give thanks for a verse or phrase that holds you in wonder and pray for power and courage to respond to a verse or phrase that challenges you.