

## **Week 3 | SERVANT FOR THE WEARY (Isaiah 50:4-11)**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)**

Catch everybody up to date on what's going on with New City. You can use your bulletin as a tool to do so. If you haven't had a chance yet, make sure and do the Community Group Self-Assessment.

Especially note that coming up on the first weekend in May we are having our worship gathering on SATURDAY evening and staffing a Hydration Station for the Flying Pig. We've been moved from mile 24 down on River Rd. to mile 10 near Erie & Madison! To serve you NEED to register online. Visit the post about it on The City for more info and for a link to sign up. Consider all serving together as a community group. It's fun and it's a great way to serve, literally giving a cup of water to those who are thirsty! ; )

### **ENGAGE (10 minutes)**

*Starter question(s):* Did you ever pull an all-nighter in school? With youth group? What was that like for you? How do you do when you are weary/tired? Are you more of a night owl or morning person? Do you require a good solid night sleep (8-10 hours) or can you skimp and thrive (3-6 hours)?

### **REFLECTION & STUDY (30-35 minutes)**

*Up through Easter we're going to be looking at the latter chapters of Isaiah, particularly focusing on the Suffering Servant. This week we're looking at Isaiah 49.*

>> *READ*>> *Isaiah 50:4-11*

- (1) What immediately stands out to you as interesting, encouraging, challenging, confusing, etc.?
- (2) In this third of four servant passages, we see the servant sustaining others through his teaching (Isaiah 50:4-9). What do you think this teaches us about the Servant?

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- (3) What does the servant say about himself in vv.4 &5?
- (4) According to 50:6-9, how will the Servant be received when He comes to fulfill His mission?
- (5) With what attitudes and actions does the Servant respond to this reception (see 50:5-9)?
- (6) As Christians, we also are called God's servants. Name some ways in which the Servant of the Lord is a model for our actions.
- (7) Consider how Jesus faced opposition as He fulfilled His mission (see 50:6-9). How should we, as God's people, act/respond in light of this (see 50:10-11)? How does this passage challenge and prepare you to follow Jesus in mission?

### **PRAYER (15 minutes)**

Take some time and pray together. You can pray as a large group, break into smaller groups, split up into men and women, etc. If you share prayer requests, post them to the City so that your group can continue to be praying for each other.