

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 5-1-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever done a genetic study of your family history? Discuss how it went and if you trust it. If not, discuss its viability.

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Read over Isaiah 52:13-53:1-12 individually.

Digging Deeper:

1. How important has accurate history been to your understanding and trust of the Bible? Have you ever done a study of how we got the Bible or on the person of Jesus and His life? What did you learn?
2. Have you ever doubted the accuracy of anything in scripture and if so, what did you do to answer your questions?
3. Which verse speaks out most to you from today's verses in Isaiah? Pick one that resonates with you that Jesus fulfilled and explain why it strikes you.
4. Pastor Kevin read through Luke 3:1-20 Sunday. Look at Luke 3:15. What stands out to you from the idea that people were "waiting expectantly" for a Messiah and that some were convinced that John was Him?
5. How important to your faith are the fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus?
6. One of the tasks of John the Baptist was to "Point People to the Messiah." What are some ways you can utilize messianic prophecy to point someone in the direction of Jesus? Come up with one question as a group that could be used as a discussion starter with a family member or co-worker.

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?