

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9

Discussion Starters

1. What is the servant's mission? What is his relationship to God?
2. What might cause the servant to be mistreated like this? Why would he still be full of hope despite this mistreatment?
3. How does this passage remind you of Jesus?
4. What is "an instructed tongue?"

Philippians 2:1-11

Discussion Starters

1. If you were to read between the lines, what problems could you identify within the Philippian Church?
2. What does it mean to consider someone "better than yourself?" Is that mentally and emotionally healthy? How does humility differ from being a doormat for people to walk over?
3. What does it mean (in verse 7) to "empty" yourself?
4. What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become human?
5. What did Jesus accomplish by leaving heaven and becoming a human that could not have been accomplished any other way?
6. If every tongue will confess "Jesus is Lord" does that mean every person will go to heaven? Why or why not?

Luke 22:39-54

Discussion Starters

1. What strikes you the most about the prayer of Jesus?
2. What does it mean practically to pray "your will be done?"
3. What was the crowd so large and armed? What do they fear? Why are their fears unnecessary?
4. What does Jesus mean by "your hour" (v. 53)? Whose hour? How does darkness reign?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?