

Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

Servant

June 5th, 2011

Suffering Servant Introduction

- Beginning a 15-week series on Jesus as the Suffering Servant
 - Each week we'll focus on a different aspect of Jesus' character
 - This will often involve an aspect of His suffering
- This first time we'll address not the adjective (*suffering*) but the noun (*servant*)

Seeking Honor

- In **Mt 20.20ff** the Zebedee bros' Mom asks honor for her sons
 - She wants them to sit on either side of Jesus in Heaven
 - The other apostles were indignant when they heard it
- The Zebedee mother wanted her sons honored for their service (*self-serving*)
- Why were the apostles indignant? (*they were indignant on their own behalf*)
- Jesus said, "the Son of Man did not come to **be** served, but **to** serve"
- Honor in the Kingdom of Heaven works differently than on earth (*service*)

Serving Selflessly

- Jesus is referred to by the Father as "My Servant" in many places
 - **Read Is 42.1-4** ~ "He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles" (**v1** – I uphold)
 - **Read Is 49.5-7** ~ "I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles"
 - **v5c** – I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord)
 - **v7d** – He has chosen You
 - **Read Is 50.5-10** ~ ". . . Who obeys the voice of His Servant?"
 - **v7a, 9a** – the Lord God will help Me
- Jesus honored His Father through His service on the earth
- But He did know that He would be rewarded for His life of service
- And we do too . . . "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered . . ."

Jesus was referred to by God the Father as "My Servant"

When God asked Satan about Job, He referred to him as "my servant Job"

God was proud of Job . . . These words were words of high praise . . .

It should be our desire to have God be proud of us . . .

As we come to the Lord's Table let's commit ourselves to live as servants