**BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED**

Isaiah 53:1-12

Key Verse: 53:5

**“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”**

1. Read verse 1. What is “our message,” and why is it so hard to believe? (John 12:37-41) Review Isaiah’s words about “the arm of the LORD.” (51:5; 52:10, 53:1) How did God reveal his redemptive arm? (Exodus 6:6; Romans 1:16)

2. Read verses 2-3. What did the Messiah’s human condition look like? (2) What did he experience? Why did men despise and reject him? How do these verses point to Jesus?

3. Read verses 4-5. Why did God make the Messiah “a man of sorrows”? (4a) How did people misunderstand? (4b) What were the causes of the Messiah’s great afflictions? (5a) What do “transgressions” and “iniquities” mean? How does he give us healing and peace?

4. Read verse 6. What does it mean to be like sheep who have gone astray? (Luke 15:4-7) In what way did God solve our sin problem? (John 1:29)

5. Read verses 7-9. In what manner did the Messiah endure suffering? (7; Matthew 27:12-14) After his suffering and death, how did people respond? (8) Although he was considered one of the wicked in his death, why is his death different from that of sinners? (9; Luke 23:47)

6. Read verses 10-12. What lies ahead for the Messiah after enduring suffering and death? (10-11) What would God do for him, and why? (12) What can we learn through this passage about ourselves, about Jesus, and about God?