



Week #2: The Promise of Forgiveness

Old Testament Promise:

His servant grew up like a tender young plant.

He grew like a root coming up out of dry ground.

He didn't have any beauty or majesty that made us notice him.

There wasn't anything special about the way he looked that drew us to him.

People looked down on him. They didn't accept him.

He knew all about pain and suffering.

He was like someone people turn their faces away from.

We looked down on him. We didn't have any respect for him.

He suffered the things we should have suffered.

He took on himself the pain that should have been ours.

But we thought God was punishing him.

We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer.

But the servant was pierced because we had sinned.

He was crushed because we had done what was evil.

He was punished to make us whole again.

His wounds have healed us.

All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God.

All of us have turned to our own way.

And the Lord has placed on his servant

the sins of all of us.

...After he has suffered, he will see the light of life.

And he will be satisfied.

My godly servant will make many people godly

because of what he will accomplish.

He will be punished for their sins.

New Testament Fulfillment:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

Then he took a cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. This is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many people."

Matthew 26:26-28 (NIRV)

- Sin created the _____.

*Listen! The Lord's arm is not too weak to save you,
nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.*

*It's your sins that have cut you off from God.
Because of your sins, he has turned away
and will not listen anymore.*

Isaiah 59: 1-2 (NLT)

- God's promise of forgiveness is _____.

*He personally carried our sins
in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin
and live for what is right.
By his wounds
you are healed.*

1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

- Forgiveness _____.

Discussion Questions:

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2. Are there relationships in your life in need of forgiveness or reconciliation?

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- Sin created the need for a Savior.

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- God's promise of forgiveness is fulfilled in Jesus.

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- Forgiveness leads to freedom.

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