

## PORTRAITS OF CONFIDENCE

Isaiah 50:1-11

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

### CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- A good portrait is a picture that captures key characteristics of the subject.
  - Pull out your phones and show your group one or two of your favorite pictures of people. What characteristics do you see in each of those portraits?
- On Sunday, we started a brand new sermon series that will lead us to Easter, called, "Portraits of the Passion." When you think of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, what comes to your mind?

### APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Isaiah 50:1-11. In his message, Pastor Brad encouraged us with **three questions that should give us confidence**.

#### 1. Has God Abandoned Me? NO! (Isaiah 50:1)

- a. Talk about a time in your life when you were left somewhere by your parents; got lost; or were all alone in an unfamiliar place.
- b. Have you ever felt like God abandoned you? How did you grow through that situation?
- c. Pastor Brad said, "The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." What's your personal reaction and response to this quote?

#### 2. Is God Able To Save Me? YES! (Isaiah 50:2-3)

- a. As a group, brainstorm quickly about what we need to be saved from. Think theologically and practically. Do you have specific examples from your own life?
- b. *God saves us through His perfect Savior (vs 5-6)* - Why did Jesus have to be perfect in order to provide salvation for us? Why couldn't another sinner provide our salvation?
- c. *God saves us through His willing Servant (vs 6)* - Why is it important that Jesus offered Himself willingly in order to provide salvation for us? Was Jesus a murder victim or a sacrifice?
- d. Jesus suffered for us because of His confidence in God's sovereign plan (vs 7-9) - Talk with your group about times when you have struggled to have confidence in God's plan.

#### 3. Will You Follow The Servant...

- a. In His confident example (vs 10) - Who are some people around you that could benefit from your confident faith in God's plan?
- b. As your confident Savior (vs 11) - Overall, do you feel like you are trying to light your own path as you walk through life, or are you letting Christ light your path for you? Explain why.

### PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, pray that you might be content by finding joy in the grace of giving generously.

### MEMORIZE FOR NEXT TIME

- *Isaiah 50:7 - "Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame."*

