

Life Group Notes

Obedient One

Isaiah 50:4-9

To begin

The recent BBC drama 'SS-GB' depicted a world in which the United Kingdom is occupied by Nazi Germany, having lost the Battle of Britain. In that context, what are the qualities you would look for if you were advertising the job vacancy of 'Messiah' for the British people?

Questions for discussion

1. In his sermon, Tim suggested that if you reduce the job description and person specification of Messiah to one word, it would be 'Servant'. What other words might you use to describe the Messiah, Jesus?
2. You may like to look back at the first two Servant Songs (Isaiah 42:1-7; 49:1-7) as well as this one. What phrases would apply to Jesus?
3. In verse 4, we are told that the Servant has been given 'a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary'. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Share some experiences of how Jesus has sustained you.
4. Verse 5 indicates that the Servant listens to the Sovereign Lord, and obeys. What does it mean for Jesus to obey his Father God? (See Philippians 2:1-11). How does his obedience challenge you?
5. In John 13, Jesus demonstrates what it means to serve in a practical way by washing the disciples' feet. He says that the disciples are to follow his example. What could be the modern day equivalents of foot-washing?
6. In verses 8-9, there are three questions (in NIV) voiced by the Servant. Although it seems as though Jesus is accused, charged and condemned, by his death and resurrection he overcomes! Take a look at Romans 8:31-34. Notice the similar questions. What has the Servant done for us?
7. In the light of what you have discussed today, if you were advertising the job vacancy of disciple, what would it say? (You may find it helpful to look at http://www.rejesus.co.uk/site/module/job_vacancy_disciple/ from which Tim quoted in his sermon.)

Did you know?

'Christ' is not a surname as some seem to use it! It is a title meaning 'Messiah'.

Messiah = Christ = Anointed One