

## **THE CROSS OF CHRIST 1**

### **The Centrality of the Cross (Isaiah 53)**

1. What would you say is the central experience of the servant in this passage?
2. The writer seems to assume that the message of these words will not be believed v 1  
What would make this image of Christ unexpected and difficult to believe?
3. How is the servant at odds with the prevailing ideas of personal power vs. 2-3?
4. What purposes are fulfilled by the servants suffering vs. 4-6?
5. What various words does Isaiah use to describe those who benefit from the servant's suffering vs. 4-6?
6. How does Isaiah change the sheep metaphor between v 6 and 7?
7. What is unjust about the servant's fate?
8. The mood of Isaiah's writing changes from vs 10-12. Question 5 looked at the purposes that were fulfilled by the suffering of the servant. How do vs. 10-12 expand on these purposes?
9. How will the servant be vindicated at last?
10. How does the cross give you comfort in times of difficulty?