



Small Group Curriculum

Topic: **REMEMBER HIS SHAME**

His shame was prophesied 700 years before His birth.

*Isaiah 50:6-7 (tlb) I give my back to the whip, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard. **I do not hide from shame**-they spit in my face. 7: Because the Lord God helps me, I will not be dismayed; therefore, I have set my face like flint to do His will, and I know that I will triumph.*

*Hebrews 12:2 (nlt) Jesus ... **endured the cross**, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

This was HIS SHAME

Matthew 27:27-54 - His Trial and His Crucifixion.

- He was taken by an occupying foreign power (Rome)
- He was spat upon.
- He was mocked by the soldiers and the senior religious leaders.
- He was shamed by the Soldiers.
- He was tempted - Blindfolded – smitten - prophesy “who smote thee”
- He was whipped – bleeding wounds.
- A crown of thorns – forced into his skin, bloodied and mocked
- He was forced to carry His own cross.

- He was publicly displayed and shamed through the streets of Jerusalem like that of a common criminal.
- He was crucified alive – nails driven through his hands and feet.
- A soldier's spear was thrust through His side.
- And water and blood - gushed out
- He died!

This was HIS SHAME

Jesus was;

- Despised and rejected
- A man of sorrows
- Wounded, bruised, smitten
- Acquainted with grief

*Isaiah 53:3-5 (nkjv) He is **despised and rejected** by men, A Man of **sorrows** and acquainted with **grief**. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4: Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5: But He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was **bruised** for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by **His stripes** we are healed.*

Let us Remember

- Remember His shame because it was for you and me that He bore that shame.
- Remember He was prepared to endure this shame because this was the purpose that He came.
- Remember that Jesus was hurt for the hurt of the people, similar to that which Jeremiah speaks of.

A Redemptive Act

*Jeremiah 8:21-22 (nkjv) For the **hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt**. I am mourning; Astonishment has taken hold of me. 22: Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?*

What is our response to His hurt - as passers by the cross?

*Lamentations 1:12 (niv) "Is it nothing to you, **all you who pass by**? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?"*

Mark 15:29-30 (nlt) The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at Him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. 30: Well then, save Yourself and come down from the cross!"

Group Discussion

1. Discuss the teaching notes on Remember His Shame.
2. Describe how you feel when you have been rejected? What do you do? How do you deal with it? What is your normal response?

3. How do you draw comfort from knowing how Jesus dealt with His shame?

4. Jesus was "hurt" for "hurt" people for their redemption. How can you follow the example of Jesus in this area? Have you got an example? (explain)

5. What is your response to the cross of Jesus in your daily life?

Group Prayer / Needs

1. Are there any prayer requests from group members that can be prayed for before closing?
2. Are there any needs that the group can help each other with? (*Discuss*)