

**Small Group Outline for Week of November 9, 2020**  
**1 Peter 2:21-25: Unjust Treatment and Your Soul**

**Welcome and Conversation:**

1. Share how your last week has been:
  - Share one thankful item
  - Share one highlight of the week
  - Who was a kind person to you this past week? Even if you don't know them

Read through Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2:21-25; taking turns as you read

- Before we get into questions below, what stands out to you in these passages?

**Discussion:**

1 Peter 2:21-23 -

1. What four actions did Jesus practice to show example of how to handle unjust treatment?
  - Explain the four actions
  - Can you come up with examples of how Jesus exemplified these?
2. What did Jesus do with His experience of the unjust treatment?

This passage is really about unjust treatment (vs. 19) and bullies.

1. Have you ever been bullied?
2. Have you ever bullied someone else?
3. Is there something you to do to make things right?
4. Are you in a current situation of unjust treatment? Share if you can.

Vs 23: How do we handle bullies?

1. Entrust yourself to the higher authority - that's what Jesus did
2. (Human authority) Tell someone, don't be silent... no matter the threat, no matter the shame you feel...
3. When there is no higher authority you talk to God. Jesus wasn't silent, how much do you think He talked to God? Actually, we should talk with God anyways.

Vs. 23c Discuss the following statements

- God will judge justly/righteously/fairly - bullies will get what they deserve; no less and no more
- Be careful to not judge lest we be judged also - God will also judge every one of us; justly
- Jesus knows personally what it is like to be bullied, and bullied to the extreme - He is right with you.

I recommend a great book on experiencing Bullying by Frank Peretti, "The Wounded Spirit."  
I also encourage you to watch the movie called Wonder (2017) about a boy who was born with facial disfigurements and how he endured the bullying and made it through. Incredible.

- Pray for those being bullied right now...

### **Jesus' Mission in His Death**

His life and death were about more than handling unjust treatment - it is about our very souls; our bodies will die; our souls will live on forever. Where will our soul go when our body dies?

Vs. 24 He bore our sins "IN" His Body... where in His body?

- His heart
- His gut
- Why? That's where our sins live, and have their control

And He also carried them "ON" His body. Then His body was placed on the cross, like an altar of sacrifice (tree)

- His head
  - His back
  - His chest
  - His hands
  - His feet
- Why? These are the places where we sin - how we sin  
Thank Jesus as He took our sin so that we can be dead to sin... both inside and out... live for what is right

Vs. 25 We wandered like sheep, and we turned to our Shepherd. Have you?

- Take some time, maybe one person each week, to share your story of how you returned to the Shepherd Jesus...

### **Weekly Application:**

1. Read Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2:21-25
2. Are you being bullied and disrespected? Spend time with Jesus, He understands. Pray about what you might do about it; get wise counsel.
3. Are you bullying or disrespecting someone else? Repent, ask for forgiveness and do right!
4. Connect with each other weekly by phone or the media; check in and share and pray.
5. Pray for two people not a part of your group but part of the larger WEFC. Reach out to them and talk and pray with them