

## STUDY GUIDE WEEK 1 - GRACE FOR OUR SIN

**Primary Passage:** Isaiah 52:1-6 + 52:13-53:6, and Matthew 1:18-21

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*And ransom captive Israel*

*That mourns in lonely exile here*

*Until the Son of God appear*

### LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

**Read and Recap:** Have someone read **Isaiah 52:1-6, 52:13-5:6** and **Matthew 1:18-21** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

**Read Matthew 1:18-21.** What is relatable about Joseph? How might you have responded if you were in his situation?

**Read Isaiah 52:1-2.** Israel's captivity symbolically represents our spiritual captivity to sin. What specific sins do you need Jesus to set you free from currently?

**Reread Isaiah 52:3 and 53:4-5.** Redemption is freedom from slavery. If you were enslaved, what type of rescuer/redeemer would you be hoping for?

- What aspects of God's redemption through Jesus are surprising?
- Are there any specific ways that you look for redemption outside of Jesus during the holiday season?

**Reread Isaiah 53:10-12.** List all of the promises of God in this passage and how they are accomplished through Jesus.

**Pray** this Christmas season that we will delight in Jesus' grace and agree with God that our sin is our biggest problem, not anything else.