



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Hopefull: Of Servants and Suffering

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:18-25; Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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1. While our comments on this question must be brief, are there any aspects of the Bible or Christian faith that have been difficult for you to explain, justify, or defend? [Leader's Note: please share the list of topics since this can frame future messages and series]
2. Have you heard the criticism/critique of Judeo-Christian faith and the institution of slavery? What has your response been?
3. Why is it completely countercultural and revolutionary that the Bible addresses servants/slaves? How does this influence the so-called view of Christianity's approval of the institution of slavery?
4. Last week, we discussed the Christian response socially and politically. How does the command of 1 Peter 2:18, "not only to the good and gentle but also the unjust" give greater clarity to our response?
5. 1 Peter 2:19 uses the phrase, "gracious thing" twice. In what instances is it used and why are those circumstances "a gracious thing in the sight of God"?
6. How does Christ's example give you a motivation for submitting to authority?
7. Peter quotes from the fourth Servant Song of Isaiah (52:13-53:12) in verses 1 Peter 2:22-25. Let's read this passage together. How has Jesus left an example and how can we follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21)?
8. Why is this prophecy and Jesus's fulfillment of it through His life necessary as we consider how we respond to unjust suffering or circumstances?
9. Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). You have, by the power of Christ, the power to put all sin to death and live like Jesus. Are you willing to do so?
10. While this passage is focused upon servants and masters, what principles can we apply to our workplace from the instructions to Christian servants?