

Message Series: Servant Songs

Message Title: Song 3 The Ashamed

Key Scripture:

Isaiah 50:4-11, Luke 9:51, Romans 1:16, Philippians 1:20

Theme

Isaiah has four songs about the Servant of the Lord, that can get our spirits on song. As we study in depth the first three songs, (the fourth was covered at Easter, Isaiah 52-53), may we learn more how we are called to be the people of God, from everywhere, and serve like Jesus keeping us singing from the same song sheet. The prophetic writings of Isaiah show the Lord will help us despite all we may feel or face.

Message Summary

Song 3, highlights whether we're prepared to admit it or not, shame is a consistent presence in our lives. Jesus for us, lost face, was humiliated and took our shame upon himself. Jesus put up with the shame of the cross, so freedom and restoring relationship with God can be yours. This message lived out will allow you to open your mouth and utter a double dip declaration 'I AM NOT ashamed of the gospel.'

Whole Group Questions

- **Think & Talk: Do you feel Gods face shines over you? Lifting you up morning by morning?**

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Share with one another what you believe are the results of your salvation.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

There are always more trials on the horizon. Whose got your back? God has! He (like with Jesus) is on your side —if you are living to honour Him. It is far too easy to be ashamed, to be ashamed of Jesus, the church, Christians, the Bible and its message. How do you respond to the great challenge on how Paul exhorts us not to be ashamed?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Song 3 ends with a warning to 'watch out' as you will have every opportunity to serve and follow the Lord. For the moment you can do that with everything you've got and joyfully lay your life before Him. Phil 1:20 How do you do that with your body, your life, your living? Does what you do with it all glorify God?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

Right now, vague talk about faith, religion, God, church is largely tolerable. We even hear ambiguous statements from the Bible. What is becoming unacceptable and intolerable is a clear declaration that salvation is found in no one else except Jesus. Although we believe the teachings of the Bible and how we live them out are not to be amended how do we go about reaching others?

**Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis
What Jesus went through was agony. The shame is highlighted! How does Jesus
shake off our shame upon the cross?**