LIFEGROUPS

Series: Unraveling

Bible Focus: Isaiah 52-53

Date: Oct. 1 & 2, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

• How has your relationship with Christ developed over the summer?

-[CHOOSE 1 SIDE]-

 [LET'S WARM UP]— In what ways does the world pressure you into a "me first" way of life? When have you seen a "me first" attitude negatively impact the world? 	 [LET'S WARM UP] How have you heard non-Christians talk about Jesus? Do you think Jesus is the answer to the world's problems? Why or why not?
 -[LET'S DIG]— Read Galatians 5:1, 13-26 and discuss the "me first" lifestyle. 1. What does it mean/look like to have a "me first" lifestyle or attitude? 2. How does a "me first" lifestyle cause unraveling in the world? 3. How does a "God first" (loving others as ourselves) lifestyle heal the unraveling in the world? 4. What is the balance/relationship between loving others and loving yourself? 	 [LET'S DIG] Read Ephesians 2:1-10, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and discuss Christ's sacrifice. 1. How should/does having our sins freely forgiven impact an unraveling world? 2. How does our status with Christ impact our ability to uplift the world (doing good works)? 3. What is our heart's condition without Christ's redemption? 4. What happens to our heart when we daily yield to Christ's sacrifice?

• Work on having a "God first" attitude this week by intentionally adding value to the lives of those you interact with! Take 5 minutes before you head to work or start your day to think about some of the people you know you will meet. Write down one way you can add value to their lives when you meet them. Consider their reaction and how your action will impact their day, week, year, or even their whole life!



-[SERMON REVIEW]-

- Extra scriptures referenced: [2 Cor 5:21]
- The world is unraveling because mankind rejected God and said to the Creator, "I don't need you; I'd rather do it my way!" And we now live in the results.
- Isaiah 52-53 tells us that the only hope for humanity is not "my way" but God's Way!
- Isaiah asks an important question, "Who can believe it?" He's wondering who can believe that God would enter our space and time to do something about the human condition. That's what it means when Isaiah says "the arm of the Lord has been revealed."
- Jesus Christ is God's answer to the world unraveling. He gave his life for ours. A normal person may give their life for a person or a cause, but Jesus did not have to die, the rest of us have to. Jesus didn't have to die, He was God, but He chose to nonetheless!
- In the same way David (a small shepherd boy) took down the giant, Goliath, Jesus (an unimpressive carpenter from a backwater town) took down the giant, Sin, saving us all!

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