

In My Place Condemned He Stood

Life Group Questions for March 22, 2026 (from *The Crux* Sermon Series)

Welcome & Check-In

- Icebreaker question: Pastor Dennis walked on stage with a backpack that seemed odd and out of place. Is there anything that you carry on a regular basis that may seem odd or out of place?
- Where did you see God at work in your life since we last met?

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

- Read Isaiah 53:4-6 out loud. What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions do you have?
- Dennis asked the question, *"How can a just and holy God express His unfailing love and compassion to forgive His sinful creation?"*
 - How do you hold these two truths that God is BOTH completely holy and just — punishing sin, AND defined by love and compassion — offering complete forgiveness to his sinful creation?
 - How have you seen God express these truths in your life?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

- How does God's forgiveness in your life impact how you relate to others? How can living in daily awareness of God's forgiveness transform the way you live?
- How do you feel about what Jesus is saying to you?
- What's one way your group can support you as you follow Jesus? (For example: prayer, encouragement, accountability, helping you walk through repentance or renunciation.)

ON MISSION: Next Steps

- What is in your backpack? What guilt, shame or regret are you carrying that needs to be given to God once and for all? Is there a step that God is inviting you to take?
- Who will you share this with?
- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.

Prayer (10 min)

For Further Reflection this Week:

Slowly read (or sing) through the lyrics of "Man of Sorrows." Let the words wash over you as you ponder what Jesus has done for you. Consider making your declaration this week be: *"Hallelujah! What a Savior!"*

*"Man of Sorrows," what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full redemption—can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*When He comes, our glorious King,
To His kingdom us to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*