

# Life Group Discussion Guide

Isaiah: Yahweh Alone Is God

Week 11: The Abundant Life is the Dependent Life • Isaiah 50

Read Isaiah 50 together. Focus on recurring themes, words, and phrases. As you reflect on this passage and Pastor Caleb's message, what are your initial impressions or takeaways? What stood out to you most?

## The Fruit of Self-reliance

**Isaiah 50:1-3** Self-reliance leads to separation from God, resulting in spiritual barrenness and distance from his guidance and provision.

- How does Isaiah describe the consequences of self-reliance in Isaiah 50:1-3? How can we see these consequences in today's world and in our own lives?
- In his message, Pastor Caleb talked about how self-reliance leaves us frustrated and empty. Describe a time when you valued self-reliance more than relying on God. What was the outcome, and what did you learn from it?
- Isaiah mentions that the people's sins have caused separation from God. How does self-reliance contribute to this separation?

## The Fruit of Dependence

**Isaiah 50:4-9** God's Servant (Jesus) demonstrates obedience and trust, receiving divine wisdom, strength, and vindication.

- What characteristics of the Servant in Isaiah 50:4-9 illustrate a life of dependence on God?
- Pastor Caleb said, "Jesus was perfectly dependent on the Father. He has provided what we could never accomplish—the sinless life; and he has set an example for us to follow in life." Take some time to praise God for the finished work of his obedient Servant, Jesus. Talk about how the gospel has changed your life.

## The Choice

**Isaiah 50:10-11** The prophet presents a clear choice between living a life of self-reliance and embracing dependence on God. He warns of the dangers of walking in one's own light versus trusting in God's light, urging listeners to choose dependence on God for true guidance and security.

- What steps can we take to choose dependence on God daily?

- This passage warns of the dangers of walking in one's own light. How do you discern between your own light and God's light?
- How does choosing to depend on God impact your relationships with others?
- Reflect on God's faithfulness and provision. How does understanding his nature encourage our dependence on him?

