# Connect Study - The Reason Jesus Came

Isaiah 53: 4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed (NKJV).

First, Jesus came to bring us salvation.

Jesus came to redeem us. To redeem is to “buy out”. It is used in reference to the purchase of a slave’s freedom. Every one of us was a slave to sin before we knew Christ, but Christ paid the price and redeemed us from the slave market. We are now the righteousness of Christ. We are the children of the Most High God.

Secondly, Jesus came to bring the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is a realm where the will of God is done without resistance. According to the Apostle Paul, the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17). Wherever we go, we can enforce the Kingdom of God.

Thirdly, Jesus came to destroy the Devil’s work.

The Devil’s works include:

* Griefs and sorrows.

In Isaiah 53:4, it says “he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows”. Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted (Lk 4:18). He came to take away our griefs and sorrow.

* Transgressions

It also said, “he was wounded for our transgressions”. Transgression is different to sin. Sin is something that we commit. Transgression on the other hand, is a lifestyle of sin. It can be a certain form of addiction e.g. smoking, pornography, etc.

* Iniquities

“He was bruised for our iniquities. Iniquity is the harvest that I receive because of what my ancestors have done. Iniquity is something that is distorted or twisted. It is a spiritual cord that pass on the spiritual data from one generation to another.

Exodus 20: 5-6 says “For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

From this verse, we can see that God is a generational God. There are two forces that are at work. The Kingdom of God is driven by the force of righteousness. If your parents or grandparents loved and obeyed God, the blessings would flow on to you. Conversely, the Kingdom of darkness is driven by the force of iniquities. Iniquities can be passed down from generation to generation. We can see the force of iniquities at work in the life of Abraham’s family and King David’s family.

The way to deal with iniquity is through repentance and enforcing what Christ has done for us on the cross.

Finally, Jesus came to heal us from sicknesses. “By His stripes we are healed”. Healing is the inheritance that we can enjoy as children of God.

Discussion questions:

How do we enforce the Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in our homes and workplace?

“Like mother, like daughter; like father, like son”. In what ways are you like your father or mother? For example, mannerisms, looks, etc

Just as we inherit physical DNA from our parents, we also received spiritual DNA whether it be righteousness or iniquities. Can you identify any patterns of iniquities in your family line? e.g. idolatry, immorality or sexual perversions, bloodshed (abortion, suicide, etc), broken covenants (divorce, etc) or injustices?

Pray for one another to break all the works of the Devil be it grief, sorrow, iniquities, or sicknesses.