

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Philippians 2:5–11 are a wonderful insight into the humility and selflessness of Jesus. The studies this week focus on Jesus and his mission to rescue us from our sin.

### SUNDAY

› Read the passage that will be preached at the church service you attend.

On the other six days...

### DAY 1

- › Re-read *Philippians 1:27 – 2:11* and think about the answers you gave to the questions in *GROUP DISCUSSION 2* on the previous page.
- › Pray for strength and wisdom so that wherever you are your attitude is “the same as that of Christ Jesus”.

### DAY 2

› Read *Isaiah 53:1–12*.

These verses, describing the suffering of God’s “servant”, were written about 700 years before Jesus was born. It is remarkable that so much of Jesus’ mission is prophesied here.

**1 Looking at verses 4–6, what similarities can you find between the “servant” and Jesus Christ?**

(Note: “transgressions” and “iniquities” are another way of describing “sin”.)

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**2 What does the servant’s suffering achieve?**

**3 Why is this suffering necessary? (see verse 6)**

**4 In Acts 8:26–35, the Ethiopian is reading verses 7–8 of Isaiah 53. How do you think Philip used these verses to tell the Ethiopian “the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:35)?**

**5 Read 1 Peter 2:22–25. Which verses from Isaiah 53 can you detect in this passage?**

› Give thanks to God for the good news of Jesus.