



PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE

Wednesday, April 7th

Today's prayer guide was written by Aaron Etheridge, one of our Cannery Ballroom pastors.

LUKE 24:26-27

"Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

With the words above Jesus helped his disciples understand his role as Messiah in the bigger story of God. Confused at Jesus' death, they did not fully understand how he could be the Messiah yet suffer such a humiliating end as dying on a cross. Jesus used the writings of Moses, the Psalms, and the Prophets to teach them thoroughly about his role as Messiah as well as the Kingdom of God (see Luke 24:44 & Acts 1:3). Through his teachings they would have looked at passages like Isaiah 53 to understand the redemptive role of the Messiah's suffering as well as many other scriptures about the promised Kingdom of God. The disciples hope for the Kingdom was fueled by their time with Jesus after his resurrection!

PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY

ONE

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

- Praise and thank Jesus for the weight that he bore on our behalf. Ask the Lord to continue pouring out his peace on us as we face the troubles of this life.

TWO

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6

- Spend some time praying for those in your life who are still "going astray" not realizing the amount of love that God has for them in Jesus. Ask the Lord to draw them to himself to experience forgiveness and healing.

THREE

"Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6

- Ask the Lord to stir in us the same zeal that the apostles had for Jesus as Messiah and his Kingdom.