

NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

Isaiah 53: 'By his wounds you are healed.'

Problem: Structural deficit

- debt of 'transgressions and iniquities' (v5)
- structural damage of 'going own way' (v6)

Solution: Sovereign bailout

- 'the Lord has laid on him' (v6)
- 'it was the Lord's will' (v10)

Implication: 'Brought us peace'

- by his knowledge he will bear their iniquities' (v11)
- 'by his wounds we are healed'

Questions for further thought in Life Groups this week.

Read Luke 15:11-32

1. Describe the parable in a series of newspaper headlines
2. What is surprising about the story?
3. Is it correctly called the parable of the prodigal son?
4. Which son do you identify with more?
5. Why did Jesus tell this parable?
6. What does the parable tell us about:
 - God's intention for us in making us and placing us on earth?
 - our relationship to God?
 - God's attitude to our sin (ie different sin of the both sons)?
 - God's grace?
7. What questions are you hoping the next five weeks will answer?