

Part 2

An Offer You Can Refuse

John 1:9-13 (Isaiah 53:1-11)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

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Jesus arrived with **AN OFFER**

generic grace (general, common) v. 9; Psalm 145:9; Matthew 5:45b

specific grace (special, saving) John 3:16-17; Romans 11:6

to make a **TRADE**

he would take our sin 2 Corinthians 5:21, **Isaiah 53:1-11**



we would get his life Romans 3:24; Titus 3:5

that's not too late to **ACCEPT!**

offered to everyone v. 9ff; John 3:16



received by faith v. 12-13; John 3:3, 18; 1 John 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16



Have you had some Gospel Conversations? Tell us about it!

Text **"CONVERSATION"** to **833-271-8805**, then follow the prompts.

You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, **"Pray for..."** followed by your request.

Gospel Conversations

Part of our **Enduring Reach** vision is:

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations

So what is a "Gospel Conversation"?

First of all, by 10,000 we do not mean 10,000 people, but *conversations*.

A Gospel Conversation is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with someone in need of knowing of his love and grace.

A conversation that points to Jesus as the hero and gives testimony to his grace, as well as our own need for it, counts as a Gospel Conversation.

Here's three (of many!) types of Gospel Conversations:

1. I share with someone what Jesus is doing in my life *today*. Maybe something good, maybe bringing me through a hard time, maybe a point from Sunday's message that hit me, etc.
2. I share with someone my story of putting my faith in Christ.
3. I share the truth of the Gospel, and encourage them to believe it themselves.

Remember the key is to love. **We're loved by Jesus, and so we're sent by Jesus to love others and invite them to follow him with us.**

We'll share more soon, including some ideas to help you spark Gospel Conversations with the people God has sent *you* to!

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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

1. *What fashion trend did you follow that was very cool "back then" but now looks ridiculous?*
2. *What would you most like to learn how to do on a computer?*

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week..

1. Take some time to revisit the outline of this week's message and talk through it as a group. Have you received God's *specific (saving) grace*? Have you ever thought of salvation as being a trade that Jesus offers you? Is there a deadline to his offer?
2. Go **Read Isaiah 53:1-11**. Have someone in your group read it out loud, slowly. Then look at it together as you answer the following questions:
 - How do we know that this is Jesus that is being spoken of?
 - What are some truths about Jesus (his mission, his love, his commitment to us, etc.) that we learn from this chapter?
 - If you're one to write in your Bible, underline or highlight the passages/statements that deeply affect you emotionally.
 - If this was the only information/revelation we had about Jesus, what might our view of him be?
3. On the next page, **read Hebrews 4:14-16**. Take time to mark it up. As you do, consider it's connection to Isaiah 53. Why (in part) did Isaiah 53 happen?

- **Circle** or **highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
- **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

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YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for John 1:9-13 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁹The one who is the true **light**, who **gives light** to **everyone**, was **coming** into the **world**. ¹⁰ He **came** into the very **world** he **created**, but the **world** didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He **came** to his own **people**, and **even** they rejected him. ¹² But to all who **believed** him and **accepted** him, he **gave** the right to **become children** of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a **physical birth** resulting from **human passion** or plan, but a **birth** that **comes** from God.

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life groups Study Guide (continued)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **HEBREWS 4:14-16 (ESV)**

- What does it mean that Jesus is our "High Priest"? (You might go to gotquestions.org and search that question — or any other, it's a great and trustworthy resource!)
- In **v. 16** the writer speaks of confidence... *in what?*
- How should this confidence in what we read in Isaiah and now in Hebrews affect us day to day? In our thoughts? In our actions?

4. In the message this weekend Pastor Josh compared the offer Jesus makes to us, the trade he makes with us, to a gift exchange at Christmas. We give him our sin, he gives us his life. Go back one last time to **Isaiah 53:1-11**. This time, in the columns below, note the "gifts" you see in the text that we give to Jesus, and the gifts you see in the text that he gives to us.

Our "Gifts" to Jesus:	Jesus's Gifts to Us:

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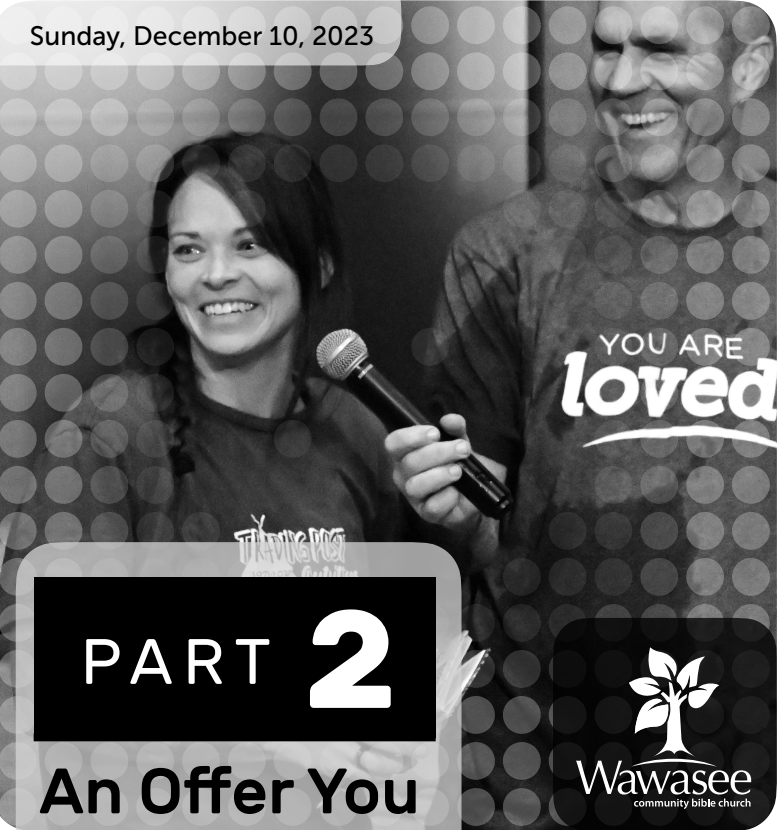
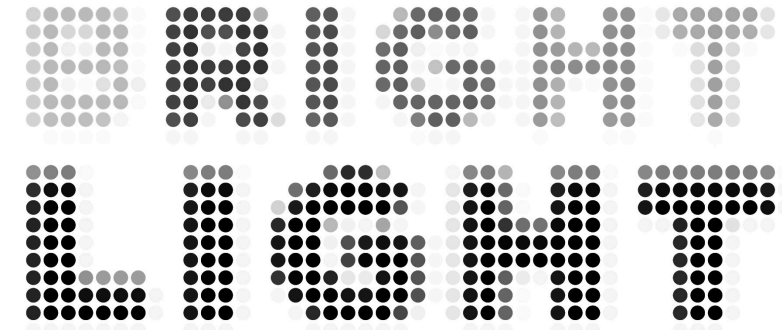
As you close, take time to pray for each other. Consider **dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you pray for one another.



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