

Sunday September 27, 2026

The Singing Servant Series

Isaiah 50:4-11

Obedience Through It All – Discussion Questions

- When you're given a rule, do you naturally obey, bend, or break it—and what does that reveal about your personality or upbringing?
- Why do you think obedience can feel especially difficult when others around us seem to be getting away with doing things differently?
- What practical “margins” could you create in your schedule to listen for God's voice?
- The sermon says listening is hard work—“receptiveness is a rare and massive power.” What most often prevents you from truly listening to God: busyness, distraction, fear, doubt, or something else?
- Read Isaiah 50:5–6 and Matthew 26:67 together. What stands out to you about Jesus' response to humiliation and violence?
- The sermon says obedience is much harder—perhaps impossible—when we are not first listening to God. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Isaiah promises that God will help and vindicate, yet not necessarily by instantly removing injustice. How do you reconcile trusting God's justice with waiting for it?
- How can a community of faith help people who feel accused, ashamed, or outnumbered?
- Isaiah 50:10–11 presents a choice: trust God in darkness, or make your own light. What does “walking by your own light” look like in everyday modern life?
- The sermon compares self-made light to kindling a fire that can spread destructively. Where have you seen self-reliance or self-directed choices lead to harm?