

Deconstruction

Overcoming Our Hurts

Isaiah 53:3-5

I. The unfortunate truth

- a. 37% of unchurched adults say they avoid church because of past negative experiences
 - i. The root cause of most who deconstruct
- b. Church hurt comes in many ways:
 - i. Church leader failures
 - ii. Overbearing “rule keeping”
 - iii. Personal conflicts with others
 - iv. Actual abuse
 - 1. Physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual

II. How does this happen?

- a. Favoritism Jms.2:1-4,8-9
- b. A wrong focus
 - i. What we are against more than what we are for Rom.2:1-4
 - ii. Condemnation instead of restoration Jn.3:17; 8:11
 - iii. Not enough love Jn.13:34,15:12,17, IJn.3:11, IPet.4:8
- c. Because we are human

III. Overcoming our hurts

- a. WWJD?
 - i. Forgive Lk.23:34
- b. Use your scars Isa.53
- c. Put all your trust in God and leave it there!