



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 5: *History, Theology, Physiology*

**Icebreaker:** Jordan's "Flu Game" ... Kobe's foul shots after tearing his Achilles tendon ... and of course, Willis Reed's heroic Game 7 championship performance against the Lakers in 1970 ;-) ... what other real-life examples come to mind of people who've pushed through pain and excelled on big stages? What is so inspiring about these special moments?

1) Review the first four "words" of Jesus from the Cross (Luke 23:34,43; John 19:26,27; Matthew 27:46). What are the similarities and common threads between them? Next read the fifth words of Christ aloud as a group (John 19:28,29). Compare and contrast this fifth word with the previous four. What elements stand out to you?

2) The idea of Scripture being fulfilled throughout the life and ministry of Christ is an important theme. Why do you suppose this is the case? How many times do you see Scripture being fulfilled throughout the crucifixion of Christ? Spend some time reading the sample of Old Testament passages that were fulfilled at Christ's crucifixion: Psalm 22:1, 22:16,34:20, 69:21; Isaiah 53:3,5; Zechariah 12:10

3) Hyssop was used in the Passover ceremonies (Exodus 12:22). How might this relate to what you observe in John 19:29 and the fact that Jesus is the true Lamb at Passover (John 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7; Revelation 13:8)?

4) Jesus is the only God-man. Discuss.

(feel free to use the summary of the Chalcedonian Creed on the side as well as the following helpful article links)

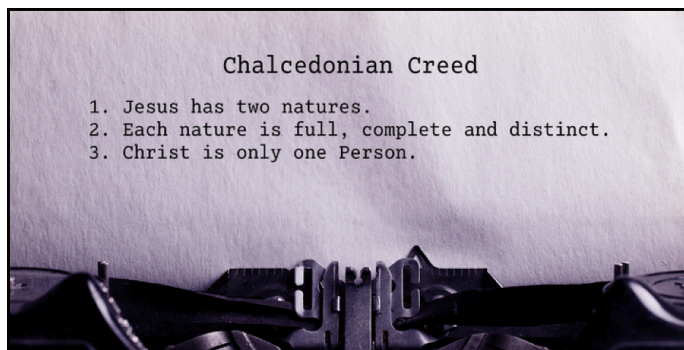
[bit.ly/Godman1](https://bit.ly/Godman1) – 10 Things You Should Know About the Incarnation

[bit.ly/Godman2](https://bit.ly/Godman2) – How Can Jesus Be God and Man?

[bit.ly/Godman3](https://bit.ly/Godman3) – How Jesus Is Both God and Man: The Chalcedonian Creed and The Two Natures of Christ

4) Jesus asks for water both in the beginning and end of John's Gospel. Compare and contrast both passages (John 4:7-15 & John 19:28-30). What do we learn about Jesus from these two passages? Where do you see the Doctrine of Incarnation illustrated?

5) What do you thirst for? Where can the truth of John 4:10 apply to your life directly, today?



It's a fact: Easter Sunday is one of the few times of the year when people tend to be more open to the things of God and willing to check out a faith community. So who are some people God has placed in your life to invite to church by simply saying, "Come and see!" à la John 1:39 & 4:29? Spend some time identifying and praying for them now and then invite them soon.