

SMALL GROUP STARTER GUIDE



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

JOKE

I called a friend and asked what he was doing.

He replied that he was working on “aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment.”

I was impressed...

Upon further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife’s supervision.

HOOK

Have you ever asked these questions:

“Why do bad things happen to good people?”
“Where is God in my suffering, injuries, sadness, or divorce?”

Why do you think these kinds of questions are so common among people?

In today’s study, we will learn some of the answers Jesus gives us.

Last week when we left the study Jesus was in prison awaiting trial.

BOOK

Read Luke 22:66-71 and Luke 23:1-49.

LOOK

What did they ask Jesus and how did He respond?

Why did His response make them so angry?

What did Jesus mean when He said, “I am”?

Why do you think Pilot found no fault in Jesus?

What did they say Jesus was guilty of in verse five?

Why do you think Herod was delighted to see Jesus in verse 8-10?

Like King Herod, do you think people today are interested in Jesus only for His miracles or what He can do for them?

How is this missing who Jesus is and why He came?

What final judgment did Pilot give Jesus and why?

What does it mean when Jason said the most important thing about the cross was not His pain, but His purpose?

While Jesus was on the grass, the people mocked Him. What did they say?

Why was that response similar to people’s reaction today?

When Jesus died on the cross, the curtain in the temple tore in half. What Significance did this have and what did it mean?

Jesus last words on the cross were “Father I place my life in your hands.”

TOOK

In your last breath, who would you say you’ve put your trust?

Why did the people who watched the crucifixion say “surely this man was the Son of God “ and then went away grieving?

What did you learn new tonight about Jesus trial and crucifixion?

PRAY

As we study the cross today, we see that the cross was not merely just about the pain, but it was about Christ great purpose for dying on it.

Accept His forgiveness for your sins and surrender your life to Him dedicating tomorrow for His service.

Have a great week. Over the next couple weeks, I’ll be checking in with each of you to see how your groups are going and how we can help you to reach your goals.