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WEEK 1

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MAKE SURE EVERYONE CAN SEE THE SCREEN AND THE AUDIO IS AT A COMFORTABLE LEVEL.

READ

TAKE SOME TIME IN ADVANCE TO READ AND CONSIDER THE BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS AND COME UP WITH PERSONAL EXAMPLES TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION.

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Have you ever been in a place where anxiety and fear made you give up and wonder why God had you in this particular place? How did Christ save you and calm your anxiety and fears?

Read John 9: 1-41

Here Jesus sees a man blind since birth. He uses His spit and dirt to cure the blind man and tells him to "...Go to Siloam and wash.." (John 9: 11). The man was then questioned by those around him, including his family and the Pharisees. This ultimately leads to Jesus' teaching about spiritual blindness.

Have you had to deal with the challenges from those closest to you, especially family? How do you rely on Christ to handle family or friends who may not agree with your faith?

Read John 11: 1-44

Jesus raises his dear friend, Lazarus, from the dead and also shows great compassion towards Martha and Mary.

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BIG IDEA

There come times in life when we are persecuted by those around us, and Jesus was no different. Throughout His ministry Jesus is consistently coming into conflict with those around Him who questioned Him, spoke out against Him, plotted against Him, and ultimately killed Him. In this study we will dive into three versus on what Jesus states about persecution.

Passages we'll review:

Matthew 5:10-12

OPENING

As you open up tonight, think of times when you have been in conflict with others because of your faith in Christ? How did you approach these circumstances?

What jumped out at you from the message this week?
What led you to really think or even better, to change your actions?

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Also, in *versus 10*, Jesus speaks of being blessed for being persecuted within righteousness. In the video we learn that the blessing comes during righteousness because who He was, what He taught and what He did.

When you are in the middle of persecution, what of Jesus' teachings or examples help you stay true to Him during those times?

In *verse 11*, Jesus continues to tells us that we are blessed when others speak or act against us for following Him. The persecution we go through is not because who we are, ultimately, but because of who Christ is.

In times of challenges or trails the *Book of James* tells us, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

What comparisons do you find between *Matthew 5:11* and *James 1:2-3*? What outcomes in *James 1:3* do we have to look forward to when going through trials or by being persecuted?

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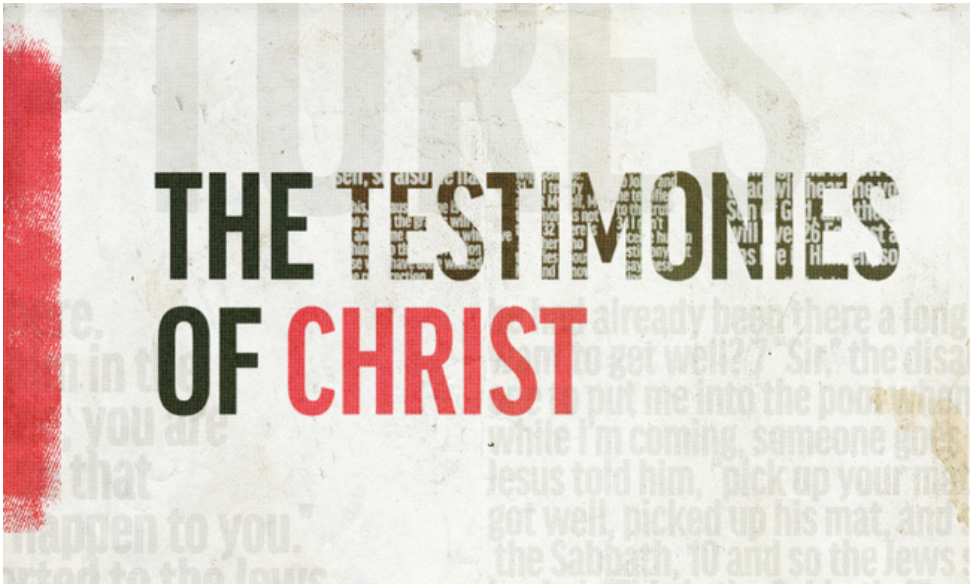
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PRAY

We should be challenged through this study to pray more frequently. We should give thanks to Jesus Christ for His ultimate sacrifice, that through Him we are dead to our sins. We should pray to God for wisdom to avoid our sin nature and follow after Christ. We should pray during our times of weakness for the Holy Spirit to guide us through trials and sinful circumstances. Throughout your week take additional time daily to list out hurdles or traps that you need help getting through, and also give thanks to Jesus for a new life in Him!

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We see a great praise from God in the Testimony he gives of Jesus. What a powerful way to support His Son by telling those around Jesus about Him. We see throughout the Bible that God is proud of Jesus, the first born from the dead, and that all who come to Christ will have eternal life with Christ.

Passages we'll review:

Matthew 17: 1-17

OPENING

As you open up tonight, think the relationship between God the Father and God the Son? In what ways does God speak of Jesus?

What jumped out at you from the message this week?

What challenged you this week?

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Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of the key points that impacted you more than others?

READ

Read Matthew 17: 1-13

In Christian teachings, the transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

What is another important moment in the Bible where a great figure went up on a mountain and met in front of God? (Exodus 19) What similarities and differences do you see between the two events?

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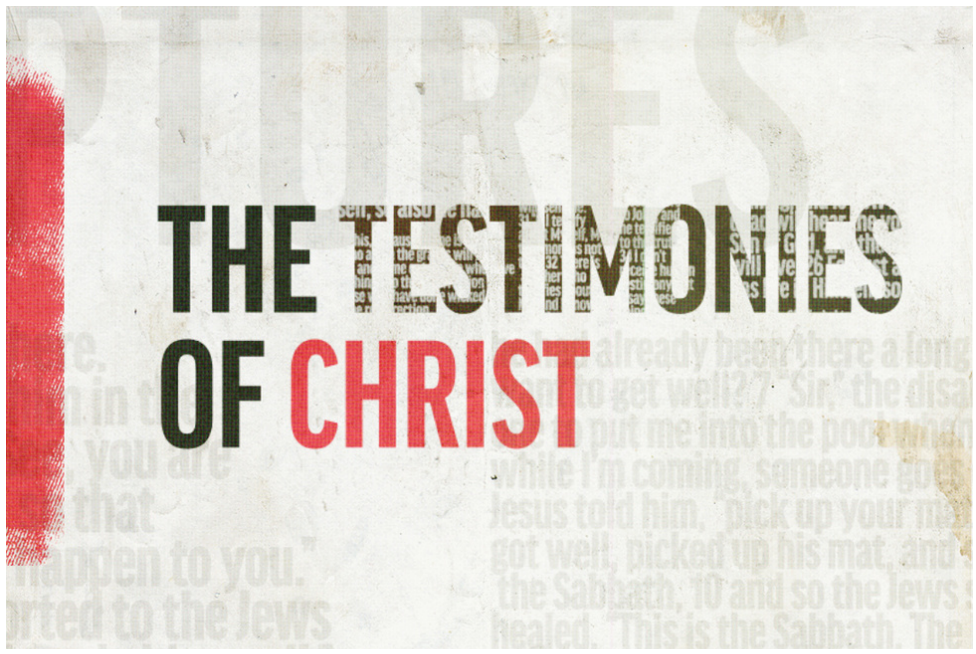
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PRAY

We see many testimonies about Christ through this weeks study. God the Father, the prophets, the disciples, and even nature speak to the deity of Jesus Christ. Be in prayer this week that you may give testimony to Christ and thank Him for all He has done and will do for you. Pray that your testimony will be shared with others and that they will be brought into eternal life with God, through Christ, and be able to spread the Good News to others around us.

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The scriptures are not just a collection of historical stories and laws but are a means for revealing Christ to us. Jesus is not just a figure who appears in the New Testament, but rather he is the central figure of the entire Bible.

What should we do with God's Word?

As Christians, we should not neglect any part of God's Word, but rather, we should study it diligently to understand how it reveals Jesus to us.

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PRAY

Consider the following questions as you pray together as a LifeGroup:

- Do you ever feel like Jesus is concealing Himself from you? What does the Word of God say about that?
- In what ways can we seek out the Living God in the pages of His Word?
- How is God working in and through you especially in the area of His Word?

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In the New Testament, we see evidence of early Christian communities gathering on the first day of the week to commemorate the resurrection and to break bread together. This practice likely grew out of the significance of the resurrection as the cornerstone of the Christian faith.

How does the old saying 'Seeing is not always believing' line up with this story?

John is making the same point that he has made on many occasions throughout this gospel. Seeing does not cause belief. Jesus has been performing many miracles before the people's eyes, yet many did not believe. Seeing a sign does not generate belief. The same is true even for the empty tomb.

Why did John say that the disciples did not believe?

It was not that they did not believe because they did not see the evidence. They saw the evidence.

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