

Session



Personal Study Guide

It is Finished

April 12, 2020

Introduction



What references to Jesus in the Old Testament are you aware of? Which one are you most drawn to?



Read 1 Peter 1:20. How does it make you feel to know that God had a solution for sin before it was even needed?

1. “It Is Finished” – The Beginning of Life (John 19:30; 1 Cor. 15:3-8)



How would you explain the significance of Jesus giving up His spirit versus it being taken from Him? What bearing does that difference have on your ability to trust Him even in the midst of your most impossible situations?



Application: What does it mean to you that all of the suffering that Jesus experienced was specifically part of God’s plan to offer the gift of salvation to you?

2. The Dead Made Alive (1 Cor. 15:20-27)



What seasons or experiences in life are most likely to make you ponder on the hope that is available in Christ? Why do you think that’s true?



Application: How is being made a new creation different from just being cleaned up? Which idea offers the most hope?

3. Victory Forever! (1 Cor. 15:50-58)



When you read Paul's stark contrast between humanity and the holiness of God, what impressions of God fill your mind? What about your sense of your own need for His grace?



Application: Paul explained the transformation process as a life-long process. What does that mean for the Christian's battle with sinfulness? Why does that make the transparent conversation in your group imperative for your accountability and ongoing encouragement?

Conclusion



Who are you demonstrating the love of Christ for by praying for them to come to know Him? How often do you pray to that end? Who joins you in those prayers?



How is God prompting you right now to move toward Him? How is His leading and prompting in your life a demonstration of His love for you? Who do you discuss those promptings with to help you understand how to respond?



In Jesus, God literally came to humanity to make Himself known. What parties or invitations is your group extending to others to invite them to learn the way God came to humanity in Jesus? How can you demonstrate the love and hope of Jesus in doing so?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Luke 14:27

- Tuesday - John 8:31-32

- Wednesday - John 13:34-35

- Thursday - John 15:1-8

- Friday - Philippians 4:19

- Saturday - 1 Peter 5:6