

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

GOSPEL OF JOHN: COME & SEE

John looks at the many and varied responses people had to Jesus, especially in the light of this inconceivable thought that God had become one of us. It is a patchwork of stories of people encountering the 'Logos' - some being offended, attracted, healed, restored, delivered... As you work your way through the Gospel of John, notice it is constantly asking, "Who is Jesus?" John's big idea is to "COME AND SEE for yourself".



WHEN YOU MEET:

Fortnight starting Sunday 2 April

TESTIMONY TIME: Have one person in the group share what they've been learning about Jesus.

PRAY: Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. those affected by natural disaster, COVID, war...)

READ: John 11

DISCUSS: *This week, as we enter the final week of Jesus' ministry, we glimpse the reason why Jesus would set His face toward Jerusalem and His own death. Jesus' good friend Lazarus has died and the whole community is grief-stricken. Death has a way of doing that...*

1. "Death is inevitable but it never seems normal." As a group, discuss this universal feeling that death is never fair or acceptable. Discuss the common views of death.
2. Read John 11:4-6. Jesus didn't hurry back to Lazarus even though he was sick. Why? Have you ever felt like God was not in a hurry to come to your aid or answer a prayer?
3. Read John 11:11-14. What does this teach us about Jesus' view of death and why He waited?
4. Read John 11:23-26. What is Jesus saying here about Himself that is different from simply giving her hope of a future resurrection? How does this compare with all the other beliefs about death?
5. Read John 11:33-35. Bruce mentioned that the phrase "deeply moved in spirit and troubled" means 'angry' or 'moved with indignation'. If Jesus knew He would raise Lazarus, why was Jesus distressed about all this? What are we learning about Jesus' view of death?
6. Read John 11:45-57. What does this miracle of raising Lazarus set in motion?

PRAY: Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want to allow a few moments, afterwards, for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>