

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

Message: A Different Kind of King & God

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Jesus, the king, solves our problems by giving His perfect life to those who look to Him.

Read John 12:12-50

1. Jesus' closest followers did not grasp everything in the moment, but better understood after the resurrection (v 16). Can you relate to understanding God's work more clearly in hindsight? What's something you've come to see more clearly in your faith over time?
2. There is considerable curiosity about Jesus (vv 18-19). Where do you see spiritual curiosity or openness to Jesus in our culture today? Who do you know that is showing interest and curiosity in Jesus? What are some ways we can live or speak in a way that stirs interest in Jesus?
3. Jesus compares His life to a grain of wheat; by dying, it will produce a large crop (v 24). Where is God inviting you to lay something down so that He might produce a large crop through you? How does the image of dying to self challenge your understanding of spiritual growth?
4. Jesus feels the weight of the cross yet stays surrendered to the Father's will (vv 27-28). When have you felt torn between obedience and comfort? How did



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God meet you there? In what areas are you feeling prompted to step outside of your comfort zone so that you can serve Him more fully?

5. Even after Jesus had performed many signs in their presence, some still would not believe in Him (v 37). Why do you think people sometimes reject Jesus even when the truth is clear or compelling? How do doubt, pride, or personal comfort play a role in resisting belief today? How can we pray for and walk patiently with those in our lives who are struggling to believe?
6. Many believed in Jesus but were not willing to outwardly identify with Him out of fear (vv 42-43). In what ways does fear of rejection or loss keep people today from publicly identifying with Jesus? Are there areas in your life where you're tempted to stay silent about your faith? What would bold, grace-filled witness look like in that space?
7. Jesus came to bring light and rescue from darkness (v 46). How have you personally experienced His light in your life? Are there areas of "darkness," confusion, sin, fear, or doubt, where you need Jesus' light to shine today? How can you reflect Jesus' light in your relationships, workplace, or community this week? Who might be helped by seeing His light through you?
8. Jesus emphasizes that His teaching comes directly from the Father and leads to eternal life (vv 49-50). What teaching of Jesus has most shaped you? How does it reflect who God is? How can we grow in living under the authority of Jesus' words in a world full of competing voices?



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