

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

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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 displayed His love through His willful death on the cross.

Read John 19:17-42

1. Despite the Jewish leaders' objections, Pilate insisted on keeping the public inscription, "King of the Jews" fastened to Jesus' cross (vv 19-22). Who in your life needs to hear that Jesus isn't just a teacher or martyr, but the True King who reigns with truth and grace? How can your own life and actions authentically reflect the reign of King Jesus, making the message more compelling to those around you?
2. John emphasized how Jesus' actions on the cross were not random events but rather a deliberate fulfillment of Scripture (vv 23-24, 28-30, 36-37). How does this fulfillment strengthen your trust in the reliability of God's Word? Do you think pointing to fulfilled prophecy is a helpful way to show non-believers the trustworthiness of Scripture? Why or why not? How might you begin a spiritual conversation with someone by sharing how God has consistently kept His promises?
3. Jesus is stripped of all dignity and possessions as the soldiers cast lots for His clothing (vv 23-24). If all of your "stuff" were taken from you, would you feel as though a significant part of your identity was lost? How can we guard against



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allowing our identity to become too closely tied to material things or outward status?

4. From the cross, Jesus ensures His mother's care by entrusting her to John, showing His love despite His agony (vv 25-27). How does this act provoke you to prioritize relationships and care for others? What practical ways can you show love to those entrusted to you, especially under personal stress?
5. When Jesus says, "It is finished," He proclaims the completion of His redemptive work (v 30). How does Jesus' finished work empower us for living a life of faith and obedience now? (e.g., assurance, confidence, motivation). If Jesus has completed the work of salvation, what is our role? What are we called to do in response to this finished work?
6. Jesus entrusts His spirit to the Father and chooses the moment of His death (v 30). How does Jesus' act of bowing His head and giving up His spirit emphasize His control and intentionality, rather than simply succumbing to death? Considering Jesus' perfect obedience to the Father, how does His intentional yielding of His spirit reflect the ultimate act of trust and submission to the Father?
7. John pauses the narrative to emphasize that he personally witnessed these events and testifies to their truth (v 35). Why do you think John makes a point of emphasizing that he personally witnessed this event and testifies to its truth? How does his eyewitness account strengthen the reliability of this historical event for us? Has someone's personal faith story ever strengthened your own? What made it powerful or believable?
8. Nicodemus, who once came to Jesus secretly at night (John 3:1-2), later defended Jesus (John 7:50-52), now joins Joseph of Arimathea to honor Him publicly with a generous act of devotion (vv 38-42). What do the actions of Nicodemus reveal about how his heart has changed since his first encounter with Jesus (John 3:11)? How does Nicodemus's journey illustrate that significant heart change and courageous faith are often a process that unfolds over time, rather than an instantaneous transformation?



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