



## **WEEK 12 - THOUGHTS FROM THE MESSAGE**

ICEBREAKER - Share about a favorite Spring Break memory.

### **Read Mark - The Crucifixion and Resurrection Story (pg 365 to 367)**

- In the message this weekend, Jason explored the medical or biological experience of Jesus' crucifixion. What aspect of Jesus' suffering stood out to you and why?
- In contemplation and reflection of his suffering and subsequent resurrection, take a moment and consider your own testimony. How did you first come to know Jesus and surrender your life to receive his life work for you? Please share with your group.
- To conclude this weekend, we took some time as a body to hear the story of a young man in his twenties who was a part of a life group at Impact and very unexpectedly passed away this last week. Since a dear friend and another person in his life group took a chance the week before invited him to give his life to Jesus, that man is now with Jesus in Heaven. Do you feel a sense of urgency with your friends, cohorts, and relationships around you to share who Jesus is to you and how he has rescued you?
- If you're not sure about your personal story with Jesus (your testimony) as others are sharing theirs, this might be a good time with your group to ask about becoming a follower of Jesus with those who love you and can help you take that next step.
- This is the prayer to receive Jesus from the message: "Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner and that I need you to be my Savior. I know that you died for my sin on the cross to take the penalty for all my sins. Thank you for your sacrifice that purchased my salvation and for loving me enough to never give up on me. You are the only one who has literally 'loved me to death'. Thank you for pursuing me throughout my whole life and showing me your relentless love. Come into my heart and change me from the inside out. I give my whole life to you. You are my leader now; I want to follow you. I'm yours, Lord; save me. In Jesus name, Amen."



## **QUESTIONS FROM WEEKDAY READING (pgs 351-367)**

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS:

1. *What's something you noticed for the first time?*
2. *What questions did you have?*
3. *Was there anything that bothered you?*
4. *What did you learn about loving God?*
5. *What did you learn about loving others?*

### Who is the Greatest? | (p. 353)

- Yet again, Jesus takes a natural default of humanity - focus on self - and champions a different principle. If you want to be first, you must be the very last. How do you see this lived out in our world today? How do you NOT see it lived out?
- Read Philippians 2:3-11 (p. 222-223) together as a group. How do you see Jesus modeling and living out what he preached in Mark 9?
- Jesus moves from chastising his power-seeking disciples to showing them how to live a selfless life by calling a child to himself. In the culture of Jesus' day, why was the child important to Jesus' teaching? Share about an uncomfortable situation or circumstance where you intentionally subjected yourself to a posture of "servant," to think about someone else first, etc... What did you think and feel?
- In John 3:30, John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin is quoted as saying: "He must become greater, I must become less." How can you practically take steps to "become less" in your family, with your spouse, with your classmates, at work, or with your friends?

### The Greatest Commandment | (p. 359)

- Read Mark 12:28-34 together as a group.
- The Torah has over 600 laws in it that the Jews had to keep. How is Jesus' statement of the two greatest commandments freeing from all the minutiae of the law? How is it difficult to fulfill?
- The common word in the two commandments is love. How does love undergird all aspects of our faith? Where have you seen Christians make the other laws more important than love? How is this kind of love different than the gooey, fuzzy, emotional love our society touts?
- Share with your group how you can tangibly show your love for God and others this week.