

Life Group Discussion Guide

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TO PROTECT AND SERVE
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INTRODUCTION

Jesus was wise to surround Himself with those who supported Him. In Luke 22 we find “the leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people’s reaction.” The apostles ate the Passover meal with Him the night before His betrayal. Three women—Jesus’ mother, His mother’s sister, and Mary Magdalene—and one of His disciples were at the foot of the cross as He was crucified.

Who is supporting you as you walk through this life? Do you have a close relationship with fellow Christians who will hold you accountable, offer you spiritual support or who will be there for you in times of need? Be wise like Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about something an adult tried to teach you when you were younger but you didn’t actually “get” until you were older.
2. Have you ever heard the phrase, “God is sovereign?” What does that mean?

EVALUATE IT

1. What does it say about God that He made Jesus’ birth known years before Jesus came and then Jesus lived at the forecasted time, died at the forecasted time and rose at the forecasted time?
2. Read Matthew 21:45-46. Jesus realized there was power in numbers. Like Jesus, what crowds should we seek to be in when striving to live out the mission (Matt. 28:19-20) He has given us?
3. Read Matthew 12:14-15. Like Jesus, are there times when we need to back off our mission of evangelism and discipleship because of the tension that is rising? What does that look like?
4. Read Mark 4:33-34. Jesus chose His words carefully when He spoke to the crowds. Why? Why is it important we chose our words carefully when we relay the story of Christ to others?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How does knowing God is sovereign affect how you trust Him and how you pray?
2. Who in your world needs to hear truth from you and who in your world needs you to “pump the brakes” a little with them?

ILLUSTRATION

If you are going to reach for the life-giving promises of the gospel, you must also celebrate the absolute rule of the One who, because of His rule, is able to deliver those promises to you. Hope is not found just in the beauty of those promises, but in the incalculable power and authority of the One who has made them. There is no hope in the promises of one who has little power over the situations and locations where they must be delivered. But you can have hope because your Lord has complete rule over all the places where you will need His promises to become your reality.

- Paul Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*



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