



LIFEgroup Study Guide

March 28 - April 11

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This study guide follows along with the current LBF Church Sunday message series, and is intended to be a supplement in your daily passionate pursuit of Jesus.

- *Watch last Sunday's message video:*
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Is your group stumped? Did you come to a question that you feel needs clarification? Our church isn't too big. Contact Pastor Dan with your questions.

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PALM SUNDAY

The King's Agenda

Palm Sunday • March 28 • by Dan Franklin

Main Point

The agenda of King Jesus leads to suffering before reward.

Getting Started

1. Share about a time when you felt disappointed because God didn't do what you wanted him to do.

2. What is something about Jesus that might surprise people who don't know much about him?

Digging In

Read Matthew 16:21-27.

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

"Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

3. What stood out to you in this passage? If you heard the sermon, feel free to share something significant that you remember.

4. Why do you think Peter reacted the way he did in verse 22 to what Jesus said in verse 21?

5. Look closely at Jesus' words to Peter in verse 23. Summarize the problem that Jesus had with Peter.

6. Why might verses 24-26 be surprising for someone who is considering putting their faith in Jesus?

7. How does verse 27 bring hope to those who are daunted by the kind of sacrificial life Jesus calls us to?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

8. How do Jesus' words about sacrifice relate to the different pleasures that we experience in life? Does he exclude things like a day at the beach, listening to music, watching a movie with friends, or having a good meal? Explain your answer.

Taking It To Heart

9. In what areas of your life might you be assuming that God wants you to experience ease instead of difficulty?

10. What is one specific way that—right now—Jesus is calling you to take up your cross and follow him?



EASTER SUNDAY

Nowhere Else to Turn

Easter Sunday • April 4 • by Dan Franklin

Main Point

Jesus is not simply the best way to eternal life; he is the only way.

have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

3. What stood out to you in this passage? If you heard the sermon, feel free to share something significant that you remember.

Getting Started

1. How can you tell the difference between someone who respects Jesus and someone who has placed their trust in Jesus?

2. Share about a time when you turned to Jesus and clung to him because you felt there was nowhere else you could turn.

4. This passage comes in the context of Jesus calling people not simply to see him as a helpful teacher, but to embrace him fully as God’s only Son. Why do you think this led to many of his disciples deciding to no longer follow him (verse 66)?

5. What are some reasons why people today choose not to follow Jesus?

Digging In

Read John 6:66-69.

66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We

6. What is your main takeaway from Peter’s words, “To whom shall we go?”

7. In what ways have you personally experienced Jesus having the “words of eternal life”?

8. In verse 69 Peter says, “We have come to believe,” which means that something has happened in the past to cause them to believe in the present. What has led you to the point where you have “come to believe” in Jesus?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

9. If only Jesus has the words of eternal life, how does this impact the way we search for truth on difficult life questions?

Taking It To Heart

10. In your life right now, what does it look like for you to treat Jesus not just as one place to turn, but as the only place to turn?

And to the Ends of the Earth

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Main Point

Believers in Jesus are called to be his witnesses to the whole world.

you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

3. What stood out to you in this passage? If you heard the sermon, feel free to share something significant that you remember.

Getting Started

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word witness?

2. Give some examples or ideas of how to witness that are useful in some cultures but not in others.

Then give some examples or ideas that are universally helpful.

4. What is the difference between what the disciples want to focus on (verse 6) and what Jesus wants them to focus on (verse 8)?

5. In verse 7 it is doubtful that Jesus is saying that there is absolutely no value in talking about end times issues. What, then, do you think he is saying?

Digging In

Read Acts 1:6-8.

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on

6. What is the connection between (1) the Holy Spirit, (2) power, and (3) being witnesses?

7. Why do you think Jesus talks about the disciples being witnesses in three areas (Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth)?

Wrestling With Big Ideas

8. What do you think is the difference between “sharing your faith” and being a “witness”?

Taking It To Heart

9. Not every Christian will travel the world to proclaim the gospel. With that said, what are some ways Christians can participate in spreading the gospel to the world?

10. How, specifically, do you sense God calling you to participate in his work of bringing the gospel of Jesus to the ends of the earth?