



Leader Corner

John 19:38-42

Main Idea: Jesus' burial happened as foretold in scripture. His cost causes us to weigh our own in following Him.

Main Practice: He has the words of eternal life. Where else are we to go?

Main Teaching: John 19:38-42

Refocus with Praise

Jesus quotes Psalm 22 on the cross. Read it as a group.

As time permits read the lyrics or sing the old hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross."

with Prayer

Jesus' quotation would have spurred readers on to reading the rest of the Psalm as well. What parts of Psalm 22 can you pray as a group?

Have someone pray the following over the group

"Almighty God, you who have sent Jesus into the world to suffer, die, and rise again for our sake, help us to experience your transforming resurrection power within our lives and ministry. We offer our prayers in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

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Principle

1. Read John 19:38-42, Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56 as a group. What central truths are present throughout these Gospel accounts? Each Gospel writer highlights different details of the account of Jesus' burial. What unique details stand out to you from each account?
2. Why the haste to bury Jesus? What timeline were they up against?
3. Why were Joseph and Nicodemus secret disciples? What did they have to lose? How does fear interfere in your relationship with Jesus?
4. What is the cost of following Jesus in your own life? Is it worth it?

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Practice

God's grace is a free gift, that will cost you everything. Pray your group would follow Him this week, whatever the cost.