

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 4-10, 2021

"IT IS FINISHED!"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share something that you have once started to do, which you believe, you will never be able to finish.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What has been Jesus' mission from the very beginning of his ministry? Read John 4:34; 5:30, 36; 10:17-11; 17:3-5. Why does it matter that Jesus is able to accomplish his mission?
2. Read James 4:13-17. What do these verses tell us about the nature of our lives and the nature of God? How do these help you think about your future and how you make decisions about what to do?
3. Read Exodus 13:17-18. How does it feel to know that God will sometimes lead you into the wilderness, the desert place, instead of the way you think you are ready for?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What are three things in this passage that are about the will of God? How have the circumstances in your life prevented you from actually applying them?
5. What is Paul's encouragement in 1 Corinthians 15:58? What, in your context, is the "work of the Lord" for you? How do you think is excellence and the motivation for excellence connected to this verse?

6. After Jesus cries, "It is finished," what does he do? Read John 19:30; Matthew 27:50; and Luke 23:46. What is significant about the way Jesus dies? When you realize that Jesus freely gave his life for you, how do you respond? How should the gift of grace impact your life on a day-to-day basis?

7. (Optional) Aside from doing the will and the work of the Father, what other things do you think were finished or completed when Jesus cried out, "It is finished"?

8. [NEXT STEPS]

While the will of God costs us, the work of God should consume us.

- ☐ I will seek to do the will and the work of the Lord.
- ☐ Jesus willingly gave his life for me; I will willingly live for him.
- ☐ I will live a life of purpose and obedience.
- ☐ I will be sensitive to opportunities that God opens up for me.

Don't forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for obedience to do God's will and diligence to do God's work.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.