



Life Group Discussion Questions

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John 11:45-57
For the week of September 18th, 2022

Reading the Text:

1. In your own words, how would you articulate the big idea of this passage?
2. This passage is to be a turning point in John's narrative. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead and claimed to be '*the Resurrection and the Life*'. In vv. 45-48, what are the people's reactions to Jesus' miracle and claims from earlier in this chapter?
3. What is the biggest worry or concern of the Chief Priests and Pharisees? Were these concerns justified? Why or why not?
4. John singles out the statement from Caiaphas to quote in vv. 49-50. How would you summarize Caiaphas' statement here? What are the factors he seems to be considering?

Living It Out:

5. When you think of the crucifixion of Jesus, where One died for all, what thoughts or emotions come up for you? How does knowing God worked through horrible means to give us life encourage you today?
6. John tells us that Caiaphas was used by God as a mouthpiece to prophecy the crucifixion of Jesus. How do you reconcile God's use of a seemingly unjust leader to accomplish His ultimate goal? What difficult circumstance are you in that God may be using to accomplish His goal?
7. The religious rulers saw Jesus as someone who was jeopardizing their comfort and upsetting their plans. In what ways have you seen this same view of Jesus in our world today? How have you seen it in your own life?