

GIG 3: Mission Accomplished



Icebreaker

Have you ever been to a funeral? How would you feel and react if you saw the dead person walking around, talking with the mourners and eating a few days later?

Read Mark 8: 31-33

Feel free to read this passage aloud as a group or silently to yourselves.

1)LEADERS NOTE: If the group asks about Jesus calling Peter "Satan" explain that Satan wanted to get in the way of Gods ultimate plan(Jesus' 'crucifixion). Peter was not possessed by Satan, but was saying things that were more in line with Satan's plan than Gods.

Some Questions for Discussion

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Read Mark 15: 37-41

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2)LEADERS NOTE: If this is not clear to the group, it may be good to explain that Jesus' mission is related to His death and that he never tried to avoid that end. The specifics will become clear as the study goes on.

Read Romans 5: 6-9

Some Questions for Discussion

1. According to this passage, why did Jesus need to die?

Read Luke 24: 36-43

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Read 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8

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Main Points

Jesus' death was not just a sad ending to a good story – it was exactly what he had planned to do from the beginning. His mission was to die in our place and for our sins. He then demonstrated his power over sin by resurrecting from the dead!

Think about it...

1. Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and then was raised from the dead?

LEADERS NOTE: You may want to wrap up this GIG by reading Romans 10:9

When confronted with such an abundance of evidence for the resurrection, many skeptics will challenge the reliability of the New Testament. If you think this may become an issue, prepare to defend the reliability of the New Testament in a discussion after the study. If nobody challenges the reliability of scripture, there's no need to bring it up.