

SCC SMALL GROUP
GOSPEL OF JOHN - CHAPTER 19
Session 44 - John Chapter 19:31-42

Getting Started:

How do you typically react to change? Do you thrive on change, or does it make you nervous? What does this say about your personality?

For those of us who are Christians, our conversion is the biggest change that has taken place in our lives. What are some of the ways you were changed when you met Christ?

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

- A. What is the significance of blood and water coming from Jesus side? Why the emphasis on an eyewitness seeing this?

- B. John 19:36-37 quotes Psalm 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10. What is meaningful to you about this statement: "so that scripture would be fulfilled"?

- C. The Bible says Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, was a secret believer. Nicodemus, a Pharisee (He first met Jesus in John 3:1-8) assisted him in the burial. Why might these details be important?

- D. The other disciples we're conspicuously absent during the burial. Why do you think this was so?

- E. Seventy five pounds of myrrh and aloes were used in the burial, and Jesus was placed in a new tomb. How does this royal burial, facilitated by rich men who were secret believers contrast with the manner in which Jesus died.

So What? - Applying the Scriptures

- A. What is the biggest life change you've experienced recently? What do you remember most about that experience?
- B. What aspect of Jesus death has made the biggest impression on you?
- C. This week, how can you rely on God's grace, rather than your own efforts, to show love and compassion to others? How might His power work through your weakness as you do?

Prayer

Lead your group in prayer, thanking God for His work on the cross. Ask Him to help the group members identify what might be keeping them from seeing and seeking Him. Ask that as the work of Christ overwhelms all lesser concerns, joy and satisfaction would be obvious in the lives of the people at our church.

For further insight about these questions and a commentary, please refer to the Session 44 helps posted with this study at sequimcommunitychurch.org/small-groups