

Cool Under Fire

March 6 -March 12

Connect

Think of a time you were mistreated (i.e. you felt disrespected, treated unfairly, etc.). How did you respond? What affect did this have on your day?

Dig

- ◆ What about the sermon on responding to injustice did you find helpful, challenging, or troubling?
- ◆ What did Jesus practice of teaching openly say about him? (John 18:20-21)
- ◆ How did Jesus respond to being struck in the face? (see John 18:23) What did Jesus accomplish by saying this?
- ◆ What motivated Jesus to justify his actions? How does this compare to Jesus silence later when given the opportunity to defend himself? (see Matthew 22:62-63)

Apply

How does Jesus response to mistreatment guide your interactions with others?

What injustices are you especially aware of? How is God impressing you to respond to these injustices?

Reach Out

Confirm the date you've picked for your outreach project and consider what steps you need to take to be ready for service. What resources are needed? How can you delegate responsibilities so everyone can contribute? Are there people you need to recruit to help from outside of your group? If so who?

Unstoppable Words

February 27-March 5

Connect

Most Christians would say the Bible is very important; however, they may spend little or no time studying it everyday. In your opinion, what causes this disconnect?

Dig

- ◆ What about the sermon on the certainty of the Bible did you find helpful, challenging, or troubling?
- ◆ What did Jesus point out to the disciples as He was being arrested? (see Matthew 26:54, 56) Why do you think this was so important to Him at this time?
- ◆ How did the writings of the Old Testament prophets influence Jesus' identity? (see Isaiah 53:5-7; Zechariah 13:7)
- ◆ What does fulfilled prophecy say about the authority of God's Word? (see John 13:19)

Apply

How does the Bible influence your identity?

What can you do this week to align your life with God's plan for you?

Reach Out

Last week, we considered some possible ways to share God's love with others in our community. Take a moment to talk about which outreach opportunity would fit best with your group and schedule a date in the next 6 weeks to get started. This week prayerfully consider how you can contribute personally to this outreach project.

Heroic Acceptance

February 20-26

Connect

Think of a time when you felt overwhelmed. What did you do about it? How did the situation resolve?

How do you respond when your heart is set on something you can't seem to have?

Dig

- ◆ What about the sermon on desiring God's will did you find helpful, challenging, or troubling?
- ◆ What was Jesus struggling with in the Garden of Gethsemane? (Matthew 26:38-42)
- ◆ How did Jesus involve the disciples in His struggle? Why do you think He did this? (Matthew 26:38)
- ◆ What is the significance of Jesus' description of the cross in verses 39 and 42? (see also Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17, 22; Revelation 14:9-10)
- ◆ How does Jesus prayer inform the way you think about God's will?

Apply

What is something in your life you need to let go of but you're holding on to? How can you begin to accept God's will in this situation?

How can you show appreciation for what Jesus accepted for you?

Reach Out

Think of potential outreach projects your group can do during the next 7 weeks. Try to come up with five ideas to share God's love with others. Pray over these and check in next week to talk about which one(s) God is leading you to do together as a group.

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