

Unvarnished Jesus Discussion Questions (11/5/23)

Week 1 - Come and See (Message by Joe Chau)

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT Questions (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. Share a story where you see Jesus at work in the world around you and how you've been able to join him. Remember, God works through small stories.

READ Mark 3: 1-6

1. In Mark 3:1-6 who do you identify with? The man, the Pharisees, the bystanders, etc? Why?
2. How does Jesus' response make you feel? What do you want to see happen in this area of your life?
3. How might you and/or your life group personify Jesus' invitation to "come and see" in light of this passage?

LIVE IT OUT - Suggested application for the week

Below are five steps to notice where God is present throughout your day:

Time needed: 15 minutes

Prepare for prayer

Find a comfortable position. Begin with a few deep breaths to calm your heart and mind. Acknowledge the intent of this prayer: to grow closer with God.

Thanksgiving

Start by thanking God for the gifts of the day and anything you are grateful for.

Review

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your day clearly. Now, walk through your day as though you are playing a movie in your mind. What stands out? Any particular emotions or moments? Moments when you felt close to God or noticed Him working? Or times when you felt far from God and from who you are called to be?



Respond

Talk with God about what stood out from your day. What might God be telling you through your experiences and feelings? Take some time to ask forgiveness for the times you weren't at your best. Offer up more gratitude for the blessings that stood out. Whatever comes to mind, talk with God about it.

Look to tomorrow

What are you excited for? What are you nervous about? Invite God into your tomorrow and ask for His help.

Close

Spend a few more moments with God, listening for Him and finding peace in His presence.

