

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of April 18, 2021

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### MY STORY

*If you could 'rewrite' this part of Jesus' life, what would it look like? How would you change it?*

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Why were the Jews so wrong in their understanding of what the Messiah would be and do?

How can we fall into the same error in our expectations of Jesus in our own country?

How is Jesus better than any messiah the Israelites could have hoped for or imagined?

Explain how the following points would help you when your soul is in anguish—

- Remember the anguish Jesus endured for you-- Heb.12:2-3
- Always take it to God in prayer – 2 Cor. 12:7-10
- Resolve that God's name be glorified through your affliction-1Pet. 1:6-7

What would your life look like if you demonstrated complete commitment to the glory of God as Jesus did? Would anything be different?

What is the overarching goal of Christianity as it concerns Jesus as the Light? Jn. 8:12 Mt. 5:14-16

Are you fearful of speaking the cross of Jesus to people? Does it help you to know that it is Jesus who draws people to Himself? Explain.

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Jeff & Mary Townsend as they serve among International Students.

**Prayer Gathering** Join us Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm as we pray for the needs of our body, community and country.



## **The Gospel of John---That You May Believe**

### ***The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up***

*John 12:27-36 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet April 18, 2021*

### **I We See a Glimpse of Jesus' Troubled Soul**

3 things to guide us in how we respond in our anguish.

- We should remember the anguish that Jesus willingly endured for us.
- We should look to the Father in prayer.
- We should resolve for God to be glorified.

### **II We Hear the Father's Glorified Response**

### **III 3 Significant Victories of being Lifted Up**

- His cross brought judgement upon the world
- His cross would overthrow Satan.
- His cross would draw sinners to Himself and restore them to God.

### **IV Many People Abandon Jesus**

- We are to be pointing people to the cross.

### **V One Final Invitation: The Offer of Light**

- Those who reject the gospel end up in deeper darkness.
- Jesus' offer to all: 'Become children of God by believing in His light'.