

LIFE Group Discussion Questions

John 11:45-54

Week of Feb. 13-20, 2011

Summary: Jesus is the hope both for individuals and for nations. Why? He is the embodiment of the Gospel, restoring all things. Thus, the scope of the Gospel is as big as the scope of the Fall. On the heels of raising Lazarus from the dead in the demonstration of his renewing power, many put their faith in him, and Caiaphas (the high priest) unwittingly prophesies Jesus will die for the nation – and for the scattered children of God.

Discussion Questions

These questions do not to be covered exhaustively; rather, they are meant as a guide to further exploration on the various applications and observations from the text, so use what is most helpful for your group context.

1. Some see the miracle and have faith in Christ; others grow bitter (vv. 45-46). Dialogue on how this affects your view/understanding of evangelism, or on the observations you make about the nature of faith.
2. Faith has three components: knowledge, conviction, and trust. In what ways has your faith grown recently in one particular component?
3. “The grace of the Gospel sings a far more glorious song than the enticements of sin, if only we have the faith to hear its music.” So argues Tim Chester in *You Can Change*. What does he mean? How does this get worked out?
4. Jesus is the hope of nations. In what way has your interaction with those different than you underscored the reality that the Gospel is bigger than your own people group? How does this affect your view of different cultures?
5. “You are our missionaries.” So said Marc. Agree? Disagree? If yes, how does this affect your behavior and/or mindset?
6. The church is not just a home. It’s a mission. Where would you place NCCC on this scale and why? What is your personal view of where the church should fall on a home-mission spectrum.
7. Please consider covering the Faith Promise devotional as a group or as an individual. Can you share any convictions or challenges you’ve had in the past around giving generously, especially to missions?

Rabbit Trail of the Week: How do we stay faithful to sharing the Gospel with family and friends without treating them as “projects?”