



## MESSAGE GROUPS - GROWN UP FAITH - WEEK 4 - MARCH 3

### LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Part of growing up means answering the difficult questions of life. Questions like: "Is life an accident of am I here on purpose?" and "Why do bad things happen to good people?" are asked at some point in everyone's lives. Leaning on God for the big answers to these larger-than-life questions allows us to "grow up" in our faith and begin experiencing life the way that God designed it.

### ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever had someone cover the check for you in a drive-thru or restaurant? What does it feel like to have someone cover the cost of something that should've been yours to pay for?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We are all born into original sin - and Jesus makes an incredible offer to take on our sin debt for us. But how can we know that he really is the **only** way to God?

- **Q:** Along with the miraculous fulfillment of all the prophecies - what are other reasons that we can trust Jesus is who He says He is and is the one true way to God? What helps you trust in Jesus alone?

Read aloud **Isaiah 53: 4-6**. Reflect on this passage using the questions below:

- **Q:** What does this tell us about the sacrifice Jesus made for us?
- **Q:** Those who lived under the Old Covenant had to go through the tabernacle to gain access to God. How does what Jesus did on the cross change how we should relate to God?

When we are forgiven, we are made FREE from shame, sin, and death. Jesus became sin in our place so that we could move from being unholy and be restored back to holy. The world tells us to hide, celebrate, and "self-help" our way out of sin. God's offer is to confess our sin to him so that we can be fully forgiven.

- **Q:** We all struggle with shame and sin in some areas - how can we fully accept Christ's forgiveness and live like we are FREE instead of slaves to our sin?

## CLOSE

Leaders: Help walk your group through space to reflect on Jesus' offer to us. Be sensitive to those who may be wrestling with a first time salvation decision or need a fresh start in their faith.

**God extends the same offer to all of us - but what we do with it is up to us.**

- **Q:** Reflect on God's offer to make us new again through his forgiveness. Have you had a moment to say yes to the offer of Jesus? How did that change the trajectory of your life? Where do you need to return to fully embracing a relationship with God and his offer of freedom and forgiveness?

