



MESSAGE GROUPS - BECAUSE OF JESUS - PART I

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

As our culture and world continuously change, God desires to continuously shape and grow us. He has given us purpose while on earth and made us capable to achieve it through Him. Although our purpose remains the same, God is creating new ways for us to go after it. To find these new ways, as a church we're asking ourselves why, what, and how: Why? Because of Jesus. What? Through transformation of families, souls and communities. How? With thankfulness and prayer.

ICEBREAKER:

Share something new that's happened in your life, work, family, hobbies, etc. over the past week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **Acts 4:18-20**

- **Q:** *Like Peter and John, how has God moved in your life that you cannot stop talking about? In our culture today it's rare for people to share stories of impact because of Jesus. That doesn't mean we can't start now.*

What makes Christianity unique to other religions is that Jesus is the foundation of all aspects of our faith. The Bible recounts that Jesus is the one who healed people and transformed lives, not man. Jesus saved our eternity, not man. Knowing that our strength comes from Him and not from ourselves is essential for us to remember that it's because of Jesus that we are forever changed. In Jesus, all things are possible.

- **Q:** *What have you been able to accomplish with Jesus at the center of your life?*

Once we've fully accepted Jesus in our lives, we then can experience transformation because of Him.

- **Q:** *What parts of your life have been transformed because of Jesus?*
- **Q:** *How did God use this moment to reveal who He is and will be in your life? Allow your group to share characteristics they've learned about God through their transformation story.*

CLOSE

Leaders, allow your group to take a moment to reflect on the impact of transformation because of Jesus. Ask them two questions:

- 1) Because of Jesus, what are you grateful for? *[How am I thankful?]*
- 2) Because of Jesus, what are you praying for? *[How am I hopeful?]*

Leave enough time for each group member to respond and close in prayer for continued awakening.

