



## MESSAGE GROUPS - BECAUSE OF JESUS - PART 3

### LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

As our culture and world constantly change, God shapes and grows us to better serve those who are far from Him. In this next season, He has called us, as the church, to go after souls and community. To reach those living in darkness and bring them to light, and to serve families in our community who don't know where their next meal will come from. As a light, we'll draw people closer to Him and help to provide for our community. Only because of Jesus can we reach individuals and families in need.

### ICEBREAKER:

When was the first time you remember hearing about Jesus?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

When we share in communion, it is a celebration of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. The bread is a symbol of his body and the juice is a symbol of his blood.

- **Q:** *What does communion mean to you? How does it help you draw closer to Jesus?*

In **John 8:12**, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." As followers of Jesus we are walking in light to help bring others out of darkness.

- **Q:** *Share a story from a time you told someone about Jesus.*
- **Q:** *If you haven't had the opportunity to bring someone to know Jesus, how do you think God is preparing you to do this?*

Read **Matthew 5:14-16** aloud. Jesus doesn't tell us to only bring people out of darkness, but also to walk with them and serve them. As lights of the world, we are to serve our community as we would serve Jesus.

- **Q:** *What area of service has God placed on your heart? How have you been able to serve?*

## CLOSE

As we move into this next season, God may be stirring people in your group to serve our community. Encourage them to visit **12Stone.com/vision** to learn more about how they can help and where their skills and passions are needed. Remind your group of the following dates: Saturday, May 4 – Service Day and Sunday, May 5 – Food Drive. Encourage everyone to search through the Volunteer Projects on the mobile app and to bring non-perishable food items to their campus.

For a direct link to the available projects, visit **<https://my.12stone.church/events/volunteer-projects>**

