

i *This Life Group discussion guide is meant to encourage growth in knowing Jesus through conversations around the Bible. As you move through the discussion guide you should learn more about God's plan for us and how to apply His truth in real life situations. You'll find your Life Group to be a place for growth in understanding and support for living a life that honors Jesus. The more you know and the more you apply, the more you thrive.*

Life Group Discussion Guide

*Talk Title: **Nothing More***

Mark 15:23-41

Know:

Starter question: What are some of the greatest love stories of all time? What makes them so great?

Emotions can play a big part in what a person thinks about love. It's not uncommon to hear a person say something like, "I just don't *feel* loved." This leads to a conclusion that if I don't feel loved I must not be loved. How does this impact the way people view God's love?

Read this passage and identify the different ways you see God the Father and Jesus loving people. Have some discussion on how much emotion, obedience, and will was involved in God showing us His love.

For more reading: Galatians 1:3-5; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Romans 5:6-8.

Apply:

We know God demonstrated His love for us by dying on the cross. As you think about God's love for you, do you find yourself describing His love by what you know or by what you feel or experience?

As a church trying to reach a culture that places a great emphasis on feelings, how can we help people "experience" God's love so that we can bring them to point where they "know" God's love?

Thrive:

Knowing God's love and feeling God's love are two very different things. As we grow in our relationship with Christ we learn to depend on what we know to be true rather than what we feel is true. We know God loves us even though we don't always feel His love.

How can you continue to grow in the confidence that God loves you?