
The Gospel, Week 3 Small Group Questions

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What Else Does the Bible Say?

- In John 18:6, we learn that the Roman soldiers drew back and fell to the ground when Jesus said: "I am He." What caused the very soldiers who came to arrest Jesus to fall backwards? How would you react if you suddenly realized you were in the presence of God?

How Do I Make It Work?

- Over the weekend, we learned that Jesus took God's wrath for our sin upon Himself and paid the price for our salvation, once and for all. Jesus was the substitution for us, and because of this unprecedented act of love, we have freedom, righteousness and eternal life with Him. It cost God everything, and us, nothing. Think of a time where someone, through an act of grace, stepped in your place, at no cost to you. Maybe someone gave you their place in line at a busy store, or paid for your groceries, asking for nothing in return. How did this make you feel? Did you then show similar grace to others?

- We know that it cost God everything to forgive us, and He did this freely by His grace. Think of a time where you were in the wrong and needed forgiveness – maybe from a family member or friend. How did it feel to be forgiven? How did your relationship change?

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(Acts 8:25) ...Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

I AM He

(John 18:1-5) When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said...

1. History's Greatest _____.

(Exodus 3:13-14) Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

(John 18:6) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

2. Our Greatest _____.

(John 18:3) So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers...

(Ezekiel 1:28) Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

(2 Chronicles 5:14 NASB) so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

(Luke 5:8) When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

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(Ephesians 6:13 NLT) Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

(Isaiah 6:5 NLT) Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

(John 18:7-10) Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said. Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

3. God's Great _____.

(1 John 2:2 TLB) He is the one who took God's wrath against our sins upon himself and brought us into fellowship with God; and he is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only ours but all the world's.

(John 18:11) Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

(John 18:10) Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to Me?

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Reflection (Week 2)

The goal of this series is not to do anything, but to BELIEVE something. Last week, we talked about the difference between religion and relationship, and asked ourselves whether we interpret Christianity through the eyes of law or grace. The law (religion) encourages us to "do" something to earn God's love, approval and righteousness. Grace, on the other hand, reveals the heart of God, and simply asks us to **believe**. The law demands righteousness. Grace *provides* righteousness.

When we operate under the law, we often try to over-compensate for our sin-status by doing more and trying to be "better." Alternatively, when we believe Jesus has paid the price for our sin on the cross, and made us righteous before God, we realize that we are righteous because of *who we are!*

A Little About Me

- This past weekend (week 3), we learned about God's awesome presence and holiness. We also discussed His Great Mission. As you reflect on this teaching, did you find anything difficult to believe or receive?

What Else Does the Bible Say?

- Ezekiel 1:28 describes the "appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord." Please review this Scripture. When you read Scriptures that provide insight into the glory and likeness of God, what are you most intrigued by, and why?
