



THE
JESUS
STORY

DISCUSSION GUIDE
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SAVING GRACE
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

The Jesus Story: Whatever You Want

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Text: Mark 6:14-29

We understand that it is difficult to connect with a group of people right now. If you are able to connect with a group from Saving Grace online feel free to use this material as a discussion guide. You may also use this material with your family or adapt it as a self-assessment tool.

Enjoy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WITH YOUR GROUP/FAMILY...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by today's sermon.

1. Do you tend to be a "people pleaser"? Why or why not?
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2. React to: "We definitely don't like it when God says, *"No. Life will be worse for you if you give others, and yourself, whatever you want. Seek what I want."*
3. React to: "Our rebellion now leads us to call good things bad - such as obeying God's law. We inversely rebel and call bad things good – such as accepting or glorifying sin. We are told that every person should get to simply do whatever they want."
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4. Do you agree or disagree and why? "Whatever you want is almost always self-serving."
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5. Read Mark 14:36. In this verse, we see King Jesus praying to the Father, *"whatever you want."* In what ways is it important to humanity and us personally that Jesus genuinely, purely, and perfectly submitted His will to the Father?
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6. Read Mark 10:45. React to: "King Jesus doesn't preside over the death of others for His own gain. That's what we would expect from an earthly king. King Jesus offers himself in death for others...for you...for me."
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7. Pastor challenges us to "be like John the Baptist" in living simply and confronting sin.
 - a. Living simply. In what ways can we be more inclined to pray: *"Whatever you want, Jesus. I don't need more and more of the things of this world. I need more and more of you, Jesus."*
 - b. Confronting sin. What is the value in having an accountability partner? Do you have one? If so, who is/are he/she/they? If not, list one person that first comes to mind that you are in relationship with, loves Jesus, and will not judge you but help you.
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8. Read John 3:30 together aloud. John the Baptist knew that he must decrease and Christ must increase. His hands and heart were open in surrender. Do you want to live like that?
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WITH YOUR KIDS...

9. When was a time you were bold in your faith?
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10. How can you tell someone about Jesus this week?
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11. What is something you learned about John the Baptist's life?

ON YOUR OWN...

12. You are encouraged to read the book of Mark over the 16 weeks of this sermon series. This week read Mark 6. Write down at least 3 important points to focus on this week.
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13. What is the one thing Jesus is uniquely calling you to do after hearing this message? Ask Him in prayer. Then act. Hear the call.