

Lifegroup Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: **Whose Sacrifice Do You Trust.**

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Focus of today:

The problem with our obsession with being the hero is that when we read the Bible through those glasses. We have no problem with Jesus being the hero – but when it comes to our spiritual lives we want to be the hero of the narrative!

WELCOME: Ice breaker: Who is your favourite superhero and why? If you can have any superpower, what would it be?

WORSHIP: Do a praise and/or worship song as people shift their focus from each other to the Lord.

WORD:

Read: Luke 22:24-51

How does Jesus relate to us? AS ONE WHO SERVES!

How does Jesus walk amongst us? AS ONE WHO SERVES!

How did Jesus come to us? AS ONE WHO SERVES!

Yet in our “hero mentality” we got it the other way around!

We think what makes us heroes are our attempt to serve Him.

Is Jesus’ sacrifice enough or does He need ours?

We see in three areas leading up to the cross how the disciples failed miserably:

#1 Giving their lives

See verses 31-34

Q: Peter makes a boastful claim that he is ready to give his life to Jesus yet ends up denying Jesus to a servant girl. Have you ever made a promise to God that you couldn’t keep?

Q: Does Jesus stop loving us in our failures?

Q: Does our “sacrifices” add any value to Jesus’ work on the cross?

#2 In prayer

See verses 45-46

Q: Have you ever felt that you could pray more?

Q: How would prayer in relationship look different than prayer in works?

#3 In conduct

See verses 49-51

Q: Who is the hero of this story; the disciples or Jesus?

Q: How can Jesus' perfect and complete work on the cross help us in our daily living?

GREATER WORKS:

#365PrayerSA

Pray for our country and government

Father, in Jesus' Name, I give thanks for our country and its government. I hold up in prayer before You the men and women in positions of authority. I pray for all people in authority over us in any way. I pray that the Spirit of The LORD rests upon them.

I believe that skilful and godly wisdom has entered into the hearts of our leaders and knowledge is pleasant to them.

Discretion watches over them; understanding keeps them and delivers them from the way of evil and from evil men and women.

Your WORD declares that blessed is the nation whose God is The LORD. I receive Your blessing and declare with my mouth that Your people dwell safely in this land and that they prosper abundantly.

It is written in Your WORD that the heart of the king is in the hand of The LORD and that You turn it whichever way You desire. I believe the heart of our leader is in Your hand and that his or her decisions are divinely directed by You.

I give thanks to You that the good news of the gospel is published in our land. The WORD of The LORD prevails and grows mightily in the hearts and lives of the people. I give thanks for this land and the leaders You have given to us, in Jesus' Name.

I proclaim that Jesus is LORD over my country.

Scripture References: 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Proverbs 2:11-12; Psalm 33:12; Proverbs 21:1. Also see Jeremiah 1:12

