



WHY JESUS?

Week Three

BIG IDEA

We all have a life story. Some of us have beautiful stories whilst others have horrible stories. Whatever has happened in our lives so far, what remains the same is the love of Christ for us. Pastor Alex and JaNay shared how through their broken past and upbringing as well as the good times, that they were able to see God's faithfulness through it all. Jesus is the only One who stays with us always and this weekend's sermon reminded us that He is active and present in our lives, even when circumstances may tell us otherwise.

Hebrews 2:10 NLT

¹⁰For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

Hebrews 11:1-2 NLT

¹Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. ²Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that spoke to you from this weekend's sermon?
2. Reflect on your life story and think about how Jesus was with you through the difficult times. How did you know (or feel) He was with you (or that He wasn't!) and what did you learn about Jesus during that time?
3. What does having faith mean to you?
4. Is there a situation in your life right now which requires you to trust in (have faith) in Jesus? How has that process been for you (i.e. the challenge, struggle)?
5. We tend to run to other people or other things (i.e. substances, hobbies, material things) to help us get through life's challenges and then we get disappointed when those things or people don't really satisfy us or bring "relief". Have you done this before? What have you looked to instead of Christ and were disappointed? Share with your group.
6. In this broken world, bad things happen to us because of other's choices and also because of our own actions. Do you ever find yourself blaming Jesus for the misfortune/tragedy/mistakes in your life? How can you learn to trust Christ even as you go through the hard times in life?

Pray for your group so that each member has a deeper revelation of God's love for them this week which will lead to heart transformation and changed lives.