

Life Group Homework

JOHN 11:45-57 – DEATH STALKS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

Getting Started:

1. What sort of things do most people want to be saved from when they seek to be “saved” by Jesus?

2. As you have grown in the Lord, how has your understanding of “salvation” changed?

Digging In:

1. Of the Jews who went to see Mary (vs. 45-46) some believed in Jesus, while others went to report him. What was different between the two groups? Why do you think some believed and others did not?

2. When the chief priests and Pharisees gathered and asked “*What do we do, since this man does many signs?*” how would you have answered that question? What options did they have?

3. Why would the Jewish leaders think that if the nation believed in Jesus it would result in Rome's intervention? What does this tell you about their assumptions concerning the motives of Jesus and His ministry?

4. Why would Caiaphas be so harsh as to say to the people, "*You know nothing at all*"? What from the context might indicate what his frustration or motive might be for such harsh words?

5. Read *verse 51* carefully. What does John's statement here reveal to us concerning how God views the importance of holding an office vs. the actual life of obedience? How does this line up with our modern sensibilities about people in positions of power? (See *Acts 23:1-5* for further discussion)

6. Why does Jesus go into hiding (*vs. 54*)? What is He waiting for? (Look at the following verses.)

7. What were the Pharisees and Chief Priests trying to save by killing Jesus?

8. What was Jesus saving by dying?

Living It Out:

1. Which salvation would you prefer: salvation from the struggles, persecution, and trials of this life—resulting in peace, safety, and increasing affluence? Or salvation from our sinful condition and the resulting condemnation?

2. Do your values, your emotions, and your desires support and affirm your answer to the above question?