



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Our Suffering Champion

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and share whoever was a “hero” to you growing up? What was it they did that so impacted your impression of them?

When the writer of Hebrews wants to describe Jesus’ role in leading “many sons to glory” he chooses the term “Archegos” which means, pioneer, trailblazer, or champion. **READ: Colossians 1:18** - How does Paul connect this idea of a first-leader in his letter? If Jesus is the “firstborn from among the dead” what does this imply for you and me? **READ: Revelation 1:4-5** - What other titles does Jesus carry that also convey the idea of his supremacy?

We learned that Jesus’ birth must be intrinsically tied to his death.

READ: Hebrews 2:9 - In what way has Jesus’ death afforded him glory and honor?

READ: Mark 10:45 - Can you explain the cultural inversion of Jesus’ mission? How does this redefine glory and honor? Contrast this with how we today normally identify and praise our “heroes?”

We also learned that Jesus, as our suffering Champion, has shown us how to suffer victoriously. **READ: 1 Peter 4:1-3** - In what way does Peter expect Christians to honor Jesus in view of His suffering? What is it we should “arm” ourselves with and why? **READ: Philippians 2:5-11** - With more in this passage than what we can cover here, see if you can identify some key characteristics that arm our attitude with Jesus as our hero?

Work through our final 3 application points and go around and share which one is the most challenging for you, and give some examples for how you can “look” in growing your discipleship to follow Jesus?

1. **Look to Jesus** - *Your assurance*
2. **Look like Jesus** - *Your actions*
3. **Look with Jesus** - *Your attitude*