



3. “One man for the people”

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God’s word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray and Read John 18.1-27

What are some lightbulb moments? Did anything stand out to you or was particularly challenging?

What questions do you have? Was there anything that you didn’t understand?

How does the passage point us to the good news about Jesus? How does it help us to understand who Jesus is or what he came to do?

What are some ways that you could apply the passage to your life?

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Read John 18.1-11

What things from the previous weeks show us why Jesus knew what was going to happen? (v4)

Why is it comforting to know that prophecy is being fulfilled in what Jesus is doing? (v9)

Read John 18.12-14 and John 11.49-53

How does Caiaphas (a non-Christian!) help us to understand what Jesus is doing?

It's clear that Caiaphas has been given some kind of revelation from God to understand the work of Jesus. That said, as a High Priest it shouldn't have been that surprising. *Read Leviticus 16.1-24* What is the Old Testament background to what Caiaphas says and what Jesus is doing?

Why do you think John chooses to mention this point here?

Read John 18.15-27

Why do you think Jesus emphasises that he is speaking the truth?

How are Peter's actions contrasted with Jesus?

How does that help us to appreciate who Jesus is?

How does the action here start to show Jesus prayer of chapter 17 being answered?

How does this section motivate us to follow Jesus and tell people about him?

Pray in response to what you have learned today and ask the Father for all that you need