



In the Flesh – John 11

February 18 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin by catching up and praying together (10 minutes).

Begin your time together by sharing your highs and lows from the past week.

Then, have someone pray that God would help your group time to be deeply meaningful.

Begin your group with a practice of self-examination (40 minutes).

During his sermon, Dan offered four main responses to Jesus and the signs he was performing from the Scriptures. People responded to Jesus with: (1) obstinate rejection; (2) superficial devotion; (3) sincere curiosity; and (4) costly worship.

Have each person take about 40 minutes. In those 40 minutes, have everyone reflect on **John 11:1-12:50**, noting people's reactions to Jesus. Then, have them reflect on those four categories of responses that Dan gave us using the questions below:

1. In general, how would you characterize your disposition towards Jesus as of late?
2. In what areas of your life has there been an obstinate rejection of Jesus? Think through your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

3. Are there any areas where your faith in Jesus consists of superficial devotion? Where? What is causing that?

4. Where might there be sincere curiosity towards Jesus popping up in your life? What questions have you had of him lately? What more would you like to know about him? Where have you struggled to trust or believe in him that you need to get curious about?

5. How are you living a life of costly worship towards Jesus? What is preventing you from living such a life? What would costly worship require you to give up? What might you gain?

As you wrap up, look at your responses. What do you notice? What do you need to pray about? What would be good for you to share with your group that might be a little vulnerable, but also an honest expression of your desire to grow? Take a moment to respond in prayer and write down what you're anticipating on sharing with your group.

Come back together as a large group and spend time sharing your reflections (20 minutes).

- Which question did you spend the most time on? Why?
- What were some of the major takeaways you had from this period of self-examination?
- In what ways do you feel led to move into a more costly worship of Jesus with your life?

After your time of sharing has ended, take the time to pray over each person in the group individually based on what they shared and for the Lord to move them, by the Holy Spirit, into a life of deeper and greater worship.

Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study material available to help you walk through gospel of John series! You can find those devotionals at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Share any logistics that you need to with your group.
3. Finish your group session by sharing prayer requests and praying.