

# WHY JESUS

SERIES 6

Sermon Based Small Group Study March 2018 Northeast Christian Church

## Welcome

There has never been anyone more famous, infamous, studied, misunderstood, or talked about than Jesus of Nazareth.

But after all that has been written and said about Him, many still don't really know who Jesus is. Who was He? Who did He say He was? What did He say about himself?

We are so excited about this series here at Northeast. We hope that your group is ready to take a deep dive into the life and teachings of Jesus. We pray that it is transformational in the lives of your group members.

We want to draw your attention to something we are doing during this series. During the *Why Jesus* series, we want to challenge you and your group to read through all four Gospel accounts. So on the bottom of each week's study as well as at the back of your packet, you will see the readings that you and your group can do to read through the Gospels.

As always, we are here to help. Have questions? Let us know.

-Northeast Small Groups Team

# **How to Use these Sessions**

All of our Small Group sessions are formatted the same. Each week is broken down into four parts: Theme Introduction, Group Opener, Group Discussion, and Action Steps.

- The **Big Idea** is the one thing that we want everyone to walk away with. If you had to summarize the entire study in one sentence, this is it.
- The **Group Opener** is a way to get the conversation going. Don't worry we won't make you do any goofy group exercises and do any bad youth group ice-breaker games. However, this allows everyone in your group to get to know each other in a different way and to feel comfortable.
- The **Group Discussion** is the heart of your group study. This is where we will dig into God's Word and discuss how it applies to our lives.
- The Action Steps are the place where we see how what we have learned impacts our lives during the week.

You may not get to all of the different questions and topics within your discussion guide and that's just fine. It is more important that your group has a deep and fruitful conversation than completing all of the questions.

## SESSION 1

#### **ACTION STEPS**

As a Group

• Pray for those in your group.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Read the four different versions of Jesus' temple judgement and discuss these three things:
- (1) What did Jesus say?
- (2) What did Jesus do?
- (3) What did it all mean?
- -Matthew 21:12-17
- -Mark 11:15-19
- -Luke 19:45-48
- -John 2:13-26
- Have you ever been disappointed with religion?
  When and why?
- What about the "religion" of Christianity would Jesus judge today?
- Which one of Tyler's closing points about Jesus resonated most with you?
- 1. Jesus is the Holy Place, the new temple.
- 2. Jesus is the Holy Person, the good High Priest.
- 3. Jesus is the Holy Practice, follow him.
- What changes if following Jesus becomes your priority over following religious practices?

# **PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Use this page to write down the prayer requests and praises of your group over these sessions. Keep reviewing these to see

how God is moving in our lives as we pray for those we care about.

# **GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE**

	Who's Hosting the Discussion?	Where are you Meeting?	Who's Bringing Snacks?
Session 1 March 10 & 11			
Session 2 March 17 & 18			
Session 3 March 24 & 25			