



Life Group Story Guide (Week 5)

Theme: “The Passion: Why Run From A Compassionate GOD?, **Story Guide 5: Matthew 12:38-45** (JESUS In The Heart Of The Earth)

Open in Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Review of Life Group Guidelines

Hook Question: What is something that you have heard or observed but have a hard time believing? (E.g. that the universe is expanding)

Background of tonight’ story: Before this week’s passage takes place, JESUS had just healed a demon possessed man who was blind and was also unable to speak. The crowd could not believe that JESUS could be the Son of David. Some scribes and Pharisees begin to cause more doubt in the crowd by stating that JESUS was casting out demons through Beelzebul. JESUS explains who truly expels demons. We then see this week’s passage where the Pharisees ask JESUS to show them a sign that will reveal that He is truly The Son Of GOD. JESUS expresses that a wicked generation will not give a sign except the sign of Jonah. Let’s see what happens next...

Tell the Story: This week’s Bible passage is found in **Matthew 12:38-45**

Rebuild the Story

Read the Story out loud (look for additions or omissions)

Questions:

- According to the passage we just read, what is the sign of Jonah that JESUS refers to, and why could this be the only sign that the Pharisees would be receiving?
- Why do we sometimes feel the need to ask for signs to assure us that GOD is with us?
- What causes us to be ignorant of GOD’S presence or miracles in our lives? Has there been a time in your life where you have been ignorant?
- The Pharisees asked for a sign despite having already witnessed JESUS preach and perform miracles. Even then, He still gave them the greatest sign to come. How can we prepare ourselves so that we are not blind to signs from GOD?

Review & Retell the Story

Assign Next Week's Story: Matthew 5:38-48

Close in Prayer