It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Salvation

Salvation is a simple thing, and yet we make it so complicated most of the time. We think that we have to 'do' all these things to be accepted by God. Nicodemus followed the rules and was very well respected by his peers and community. He thought that was all he needed to be able to go to Heaven. Jesus boiled it down to just one thing, though: Love. Love God and love others. God fully loves us. Period. We are His! *Isaiah 43:1*

3 Truths to Re-think about Salvation:

1. **Who you ARE will not save you.** God doesn't care about status or positions. Can you describe who you are without including your job, marriage or family? Discuss ways that God would describe you.
   Galatians 2:6; Philippians 3:4-7

2. **What you KNOW cannot save you.** All the knowledge in the world does no good at all unless it is used for the betterment of others. Is there some information you are keeping to yourself that could benefit others? When was the last time you shared Jesus with someone?
   1 Corinthians 13:2; Ecclesiastes 1:16-17

3. **What you HAVE does not save you.** God isn't keeping track of the 'things' you have on earth. Are you willing to give up everything you own to follow Jesus? What are you still holding onto? What fears are you holding onto?
   Mark 8:36; Matthew 19:20-22; Acts 2:42-47

What it looks like to follow Jesus:
RECOGNIZE your need – accept that you are broken and need Him to make you whole again.
REPENT of your sins – confess them to Jesus and turn away from them.
RECEIVE Him as Lord – accept and acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of your life.
REFLECT sanctified standards – love others like Jesus does, and become more like Him.

Make It Real

- Ask God to help you recognize, repent, receive Him and reflect His standards.
- Be intentional and purposeful about finding someone to share Jesus with.
- Make the choice to live with a Kingdom mindset.
- Make the choice to allow Jesus to be Lord of your life.