

## **"The Power of the Gospel" - John 20:30-31**

### **Sermon-Based Discussion Guide**

**Purpose of Discussion:** As this may be one of your last small group meetings before summer, we want to take time to share about what we have learned in this past year and how that is helping us to believe in Jesus.

**Sermon Refresher:** John 20:30-31 says that the Apostle John is writing this account of Jesus' life so that we might believe that Jesus is truly Savior and that we might find true life in him. This morning, Keith interviewed Andrew Ahn to show us how Andrew learned to believe in Jesus and the spiritual lessons he learned.

**Icebreaker:** What are some things you/your family like to do in the summer?

#### **Discussion**

1. What's something that stuck out to you about Andrew's story, maybe something you connected with?

**Transition:** Just like God has been working in Andrew's life to help him to put his trust in Christ and find life in Christ, God has been working in our lives, even this past year, for the same purpose. Let's use this time to share about some of the big lessons that God has been teaching us. I think hearing those stories will encourage all of us to trust more in Christ.

2. What are one or two big lessons that God has taught you this past year? Tell us the story of how God taught you that and how it's pointed you to Jesus.

If you have more time or need more direction, consider talking through some of the following questions:

1. Keith mentioned that Blaise Pascal said that we all have a "God-shaped vacuum" in our lives. How has this past year (or something from your life story) taught you that nothing in this world can truly and completely satisfy us?

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2. Referring to the difficulties in his own life story, Andrew said that "this is the race that God has marked out for me." What are some difficulties that God has put into your life this past year? How have those made it difficult to keep running the race at times?
3. Andrew concluded by saying: "if this is what it took for me to become a Christian, it's all been worth it." God is working everything in our lives, even and especially the difficulties, to give us Jesus. How does that change the way we think about what God has brought us through and where God is leading us?

### **Sharing and Prayer Time idea:**

Pick one of the ideas below that seems most appropriate for your group:

1. Take time to go around and allow people to thank God for what's he has brought them through this past year and the lessons he has taught them.
2. What's something that you are looking forward to about this summer and something you aren't looking forward to? Take time to thank God or pray for those things.