

“Life, Fully Altered”

Isaiah 53: 10-12

Acts 5:17-32

- Re-read the Scriptures.
- If you had a “magic stick, or wand” what would you do?
- JD asked “Why are you here?” The Sunday after Easter can be a day off because the bid day is done! It’s over... God won! He suggested that we are here because we want more Jesus!
 - Why are you at Community Group today?
 - What makes this worth coming to today?
- Can you understand why God chose to do what He did through Jesus?
 - Do you see the fulfillment of Isaiah 53 in the revelation of the cross and empty tomb?
- Nothing was going to stop the disciples from teaching about Jesus. They were threatened, cajoled and punished. However, they continued to go right back to the temple and teach.
 - JD pondered if he is changed like that after hearing the Easter Story.
 - Are you changed?
 - How?
 - Is there a way we can help one another continue to feel the change and respond the way the disciples did?
- JD talked about impulse purchases in the grocery store. How the store knows to put the necessities at the back of the store so that you have to pass by all the “goodies” to get what you need, in hopes you’ll buy the stuff you don’t. He talked about how we’ll only go so far when it comes to those purchases, we’ll eventually stop buying. He also mentioned how we do the same with Jesus. We’ll only buy in so far until we can’t do it anymore.
 - How much do you allow yourself to “buy” about Jesus?
 - Do you limit yourself?
 - Do you aim your guns at Him when He doesn’t do what you want Him to do?
 - Do you ever just have to sit and ponder what God wants you to do?
- What if Jesus joined your group and started taking over and insisting to be the center of attention?

- How would you react to Him?
 - How would your group be different?
 - How can you get there today?
- JD talked about how he might have been a better Christian 30 years ago; but God will not call him back to that. He will only call us forward.
 - How is God calling you forward?
 - How have you changed over your Christian Life?
 - How do you see God changing you in the future?