



Welcome to Summer Small Groups!
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Jesus' death is propitiatory

John 18:1-11, page 904

Question for discussion:

How would most people you know answer the question: 'What is the message of Jesus and Christianity?'

Introduction: Jesus betrayed and arrested

Big idea: Jesus knowingly and willingly gives himself up for his people and drinks the cup the Father has given him.

1. Jesus gives himself up for his people (v1-9)

- His 'hour'
- Betrayal and arrest
- His self-sacrifice

2. Jesus willingly drinks the cup (v10-11)

- The 'cup' and God's wrath against sin (Psalm 75:8 / Isaiah 51:17)
- It was finished on the cross!
- 'Propitiation': Jesus satisfying God's righteous wrath against sin by bearing our judgement, in our place, on the cross.

Application:

Rest in the cross with grateful confidence. Jesus has secured you, and he will not let you go.

Come to Jesus for eternal life!

Questions for discussion: (existing small group leaders please lead the discussion)

1. What detail(s) did you find most surprising / encouraging / challenging in our passage?
Are there any details you would like to clarify?
2. Why did Jesus have to go to the cross?
3. Why is it important to properly understand the cross and doctrine of propitiation?
4. How does this passage help us with assurance in our battle with sin or when we are tempted to doubt God's love for us?
5. What would it practically look like for you to be confident in the cross?

Take some time to pray