

Immerse: Messiah

Week 7

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Discussion Questions explanation:

Immerse is designed for groups to encounter large portions of the Bible together for 8 weeks—more like a book club, less like a Bible study. Aim to understand the big story. Read through “The Stories and the Story” (p. 483) to see how the books of the Bible work together to tell God’s story of his creation’s restoration. As you read through Immerse: Messiah, rather than ask, “How do I fit God into my busy life?” begin asking, “How can I join in God’s great plan by living out my part in his story?”

The questions are a bit different from your average Bible study questions. When people read whole books of the Bible, they notice things for the first time. They may have questions they never thought to ask before. They may even come across things that trouble them. These discussion prompts are meant to help readers navigate the text without giving them all the answers. By meeting every week in small groups and discussing what you read in open, honest conversations, you and your community can come together to be transformed through an authentic experience with the Scriptures.

4 (book club style) Questions to get your conversations started:

1. What stood out to you this week?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God?
4. How might this change the way we live?

Additional Questions

If your group is really struggling to open up, here are some additional questions to consider. (The point is not for the group to get through all the questions, but to have open, honest and authentic conversations and experience with God’s word.)

1. Miracles, messages, and other signs were a big theme in both John and Hebrews, but these things alone are not enough to awaken faith. What more is needed? How does this reality speak to you?
2. In John 15:1-8, what is the one thought that Jesus is impressing on his disciples, and how can we do that in our lives today?
3. In John 15:13-17, Jesus makes this all about relationship, not merely following a set of rules or regulations. These verses are filled with encouragements and motivations. Which ones might the Holy Spirit want to impress upon you?
4. Often it is easy to follow God when we understand his way and it aligns with our desires. Yet it can be just as easy to stop following God’s way when it threatens our “freedom” to believe what we want or to do what we want. How do Hebrews, James and John challenge and encourage us in following Jesus’ way, truth and life?
5. The theme of Hebrews could be called “Jesus is greater than...” Each section also contains a warning:
 1. The warning against disregarding - Hebrews 2:1-4
 2. The warning against rebelling - Hebrews 3:12-15
 3. The warning against disobedience - Hebrews 4:11-13
 4. The warning against drifting - Hebrews 5:11-6:6
 5. The warning against rejecting - Hebrews 10:26-39
 6. The warning against refusing - Hebrews 12:25-29Read the verses and then discuss how these warnings challenge you.
6. In light of our discussion and your situation, how can we pray for each other?