



Community Group Study: Queen of the Jews

Getting Started

What makes someone a hero?

Discussion

How do you think most conversions to Christianity, whether from other religions or from no religious background, occur? Over coffee shop conversations? As a result of more challenging circumstances? Explain.

The Bible makes very clear that God's redemptive plan WILL be fulfilled (i.e. Isa 45:22-23; 2 Pet 3:9-10). It's also clear in event after event in the Bible that God uses ordinary people to bring about His intended results. Are God's means of accomplishing His redemptive plan always gentle and pleasant? What were the circumstances of those in the following verses? What was their outcome?

- Gen 37:28; 39:20; Ps 105:17-18; Gen 45:5-7
- John 9:1-3
- Acts 8:1, 4-5, 12; 11:19-21
- 1 Cor 2:1-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10
- John 19:1-3, 15; Heb 9:28

Read 2 Cor 4:7 and 1 Cor 2:3-5. Why does God NOT need superheroes? Why do we have bodies that are subject to illness and injury? How do these verses make you think of your own situation, your own capabilities (or lack thereof)? How does God use His peoples' weakness? Can He use you?

Read Isa 43:10-13 and Isa 45:22-25. Given God's sovereignty, how should we think about God's rule:

- Over our lives?

- Over challenging situations we face?

In what areas of your life are you tempted to doubt God's goodness, His integrity, or His control?

Application

Read Heb 2:14. Meditate on the fact that Jesus, who created the entire universe and everything in it, came to earth as one of us, in a body like ours.

Pray. Ask God to help you to be willing to be used by Him in His great redemptive plan, not in your own strength, but right where you are, and to be willing to do it His way, not your own.