



VALLEY REAL LIFE

But God: But with God.

Last Week

Any reflections on Easter Sunday? Did you have anyone you invited whose experience you can share?

Opener

What's the most unexpected plot twist you've ever seen in a movie or read in a book?

Questions

Have you had any plot twists in your relationship with God? Perhaps you learned something growing up that you have come to know was wrong?

What's the difference between striving for personal perfection in obeying God's Law to seeking faithfulness and submission to God?

What does it mean to view scripture within its full context and how can this perspective deepen your understanding?

Reflect on the interaction between Jesus and the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:21-26. What does this teach you about the difference between following commandments and following Jesus (true discipleship)?

In your life, do you feel like you are living in "true discipleship" or "faithfulness and submission" to God? Are there any areas the Holy Spirit is convicting you of right now that you are willing to share?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Matthew 19:21-26 (NLT)

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray