

# Group Leader Guide

## What Would Jesus Say – part 1 “to me”

### Sermon Recap

Have you ever felt lost in life's chaos, drowning in notifications and endless demands? Pastor Chris cuts through the noise with a powerful Easter message that speaks directly to your heart. Through the stunning reality of the resurrection, we discover Jesus' personal invitation: "I love you, it's all true, and I did it for you." Drawing from the prodigal son story, Pastor Chris reveals how God isn't standing back with crossed arms—He's running toward you with open arms. Whether you're skeptical, burned out, or simply searching, this transformative message shows how Easter isn't just about life after death, but about finding new life today.

### Ice Breaker

If you could have any fictional character as your best friend, who would it be and why?

### Discussion Questions

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. Pastor Chris talks about how our world is filled with noise that can drown out Jesus's voice. What are some specific types of 'noise' in your life that make it difficult to hear God's voice?
  - a. The sermon mentions we wake up to alarms and notifications, scroll before we pray, and absorb headlines, reels, arguments, advertisements, and the constant pressure to 'be more, do more, buy more, prove more.'
  - b. What practical steps could you take this week to reduce some of this noise and create more space to hear God's voice?
3. Looking at Romans 5:8 ('But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us'), how does it change your perspective knowing that Jesus loved you before you cleaned up your act?
  - a. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus doesn't merely tolerate us or love some future, cleaned-up version of us - He loves us as we are, even while we were still sinners.
  - b. In what areas of your life do you feel you need to 'clean up' before God can love you? How does this verse challenge that thinking?
4. The sermon states that 'Easter is not God scolding doubters; it's God pursuing them.' How does this perspective change the way you view your own doubts or questions about faith?
  - a. Pastor Chris references the story in Luke 24 where Jesus walks with two discouraged disciples who were doubting, and meets them in their confusion.
  - b. What questions or doubts do you currently have about your faith that you've been afraid to express?
5. What's the difference between seeing Jesus as a 'consultant' versus seeing Him as 'King' in your life? How does this distinction impact daily decision-making?

- a. The sermon explains that following Jesus means He's not just your consultant or inspiration, but your King and Lord - not just a part of your life, but the center of it all.
  - b. In what areas of your life have you been treating Jesus more as a consultant than as King?
6. Pastor Chris says our workplaces, neighborhoods, and families are mission fields. What specific opportunities do you see in these areas of your life to share Jesus's love with others?
  - a. The sermon references Matthew 28:19-20 about making disciples, emphasizing that we don't need to be polished celebrities - just ordinary people who have been with Jesus.
  - b. What fears or hesitations do you have about sharing your faith in these everyday settings?

## **Prayer**

- Ask for prayer requests.
- Ask God to help us hear His voice clearly amidst the noise of the world.
- Seek courage to respond to Jesus' invitation to follow Him daily.
- Pray for opportunities to share the message of the resurrection with those around us.
- Request strength to live out the love and truth of Jesus in our everyday actions.