## Jesus Leads: Passion | April 15, 2020

**Discussion Guide** 

### The Scoop

Have you ever been so passionate about something that you were willing to give your life? Thankfully most of us never have to make this decision, but let's learn how we can model Jesus's passion to inspire our own!

#### **Key Verses**

Acts 10:38 (NLV)

"Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him."

#### Discussion

Passion is one of the key characteristics of leadership. When we are children, we seemingly have deep passions for the things that we love, but as we grow older and become more self aware, we tend to lose sight of what we loved and felt drawn towards. It could be the result of too many things to focus on or trying to live a more balanced life, either way, we typically lose some passion as we grow up.

- 1. What are some passions that you had as a child?
- 2. Why did you like these things? What was it about them that made them passions?

Leaders have passion. If you think about any popular leader, they are guided by their own passion for a worthy goal. Leaders with passion are willing to drive out all distractions in order to achieve their mission. This dedication to their cause is one of the main reasons why they are leading in the first place.

- 3. Can you think of any examples of good leaders who lead others with passion? What makes them successful leaders?
- 4. What is an example of a time that a leader used their own passion to inspire you?

In Acts 10:38, the Bible tells that "Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action." He was motivated and passionate about helping others. It continues, "through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil." Jesus was passionate because God was with him. He was able to overcome obstacles and change the lives of many. Jesus's passion led him to die for us. Thankfully most of us will never have to make that decision, but what if the difference between our passions and Jesus's passion is the fact that "God was in him"?

- 5. What are the most important things in your life and how are they connected to God? If you don't like they are connected to God, how could they be moving forward?
- 6. How might people benefit from your passion? Could your passion inspire others to continue to grow alongside you?

# What's Next?

As you reflect on your faith and the key components of Jesus's life and leadership consider how your faith has and will be different based on God's deep desire to connect with you and Jesus's sacrifice as proof of that love. This week ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. What are some old or new passions that you can connect with God?
- 2. How can Jesus's passion (both life and death) change your daily life?
- Is your passion impacting anybody's life and are you leading anybody toward God?

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at faithinfive.com to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.\*\*\*