



COMPEL GROUPS

Week 7

BREAK THE ICE

What Easter traditions do you have?

Ask two people to talk about a time that they experienced a bonding moment with someone that wasn't family. Maybe an extreme sacrifice was made or a life changing moment was shared. What makes those moments so special?

BREAK GROUND

Joseph was a Pharisee and a member the exclusive 70 member-Sanhedrin. He went against the grain in every way by offering a tomb for Jesus' body. Sometimes we're compelled to follow our convictions rather than popular culture. What do we gain by being true to ourselves even if it causes others to be against us?

Imagine the fear and anxiety Joseph faced as he asked Pilate to allow him to take Jesus' body. Many times fear and anxiety control our behavior. Have you experienced a time where you made the right decision in spite of your fear? Talk about it.

DIG DEEPER

Joseph went to great expense by furnishing all the spices and herbs that were used in Jesus' burial. Our sacrifices are many times overlooked or not appreciated but they add personal value to whatever they are given towards. Why do you think Joseph was willing to make this degree of sacrifice?

Joseph took Jesus' body down from the cross. Can you imagine what that must have been like? Putting yourself in his place, what feelings would you be dealing with as you encountered such tragedy and loss?

Sacrifices that we make show how we value things. What are you sacrificing for? In your family, in your own spiritual growth? What are you willing to begin sacrificing?

What creates your personal convictions? Is it tradition, environment, love, truth? Do you consider yourself to be guided by those convictions? What should establish our convictions?

PRAY

WEEKLY READING

Thursday, April 1st
Matt 27:57-66; Psalm 1

Friday, April 2nd
Mark 15:42-47; Psalm 8

Saturday, April 3rd
Mark 16:1-20; Psalm 22

Sunday, April 4th
Luke 23:50-56; Psalm 23

Monday, April 5th
Luke 24:1-53; Psalm 42

Tuesday, April 6th
John 19:31-42; Psalm 66

Wednesday, April 7th
John 20:1-31; Psalm 100