

Small Group Discussion Guide – October 9, 2011

"Face2Face - Seeing Jesus Again for the First Time" ~ the Gospel of John

(Sermon notes from Ken Neller)

Pendulum Swings: Pendulum swings, better known as icebreakers or getting started questions, are just a fun way to kickoff your small group time together by going from the not so serious to deeper connecting times.

As you begin your Small Group this week ... *"Choose your top 3 ..."*

- ✓ ... movies of all time.
- ✓ ... movie theater snacks.
- ✓ ... foods that really satisfy your hunger.
- ✓ ... scriptures that satisfy your spiritual hunger.

"Anyone Hungry ... Does Jesus Want What We Want?"

Intro: Pray together

Read: John 6

Each week re-read John 20:30-31 as a reminder of John's purpose in writing this account of Jesus' life. "... so that you may believe... and that by believing you may have LIFE in his name."

This week as you read John 6, read it with this his (John's) purpose in mind.

1. From reading John 6, in what ways did the Jews try to make Jesus into what they wanted him to be?
2. In what ways do Christians today try to make Jesus into what they (we) want him to be, instead of who he says he is?
 - Why do you (think) we do this?
 - Why or why not may this be bad or wrong?
 - If wrong, what could you personally do to avoid this in your life?
3. In what ways does Jesus, if he does, want what we want?
 - Discuss: ... the why or why not?
4. Discuss the way(s) that you / we desire to have life?
 - Re-read: John 6:53-58
 - In what ways do we attain life by eating Jesus' flesh and drinking his blood?
5. Discuss how this passage / study has affected the way(s) in which you will live your life:
 - ... this week.
 - ... from now on.