

LIFE Group Discussion Sheet

That's What The Man Said...Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said

"In this world you will have trouble" John 16:33

Icebreaker: Who or what brings you the most joy?

Read John 16:16-33

1. Why will the disciples weep and mourn? Why will that turn to joy?
2. What is the difference between the world's joy (v20) and the disciples joy (v22)?
3. Explore the contrast of Jesus' words in v33.
 In me = peace
 In the world = trouble
4. Does peace = the absence of trouble? Can you have peace in the midst of trouble? How?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "I have overcome the world."?
6. Share how trouble in your life has led to blessing? Or...How has pain helped you grow in your faith?
7. Both Jesus and the world offer a form of peace (14:27, 16:33) and joy (15:11, 16:22-24). How have you experienced each of these? What is the difference?
8. Discuss our desire for comfort in America and how that affects our attitudes about trouble and peace.
9. Is there trouble in your life that the group can pray for?