

The Greatest Story

Key Passages: John 3:16

BELONG

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If you could cast any fictional character (from a book, movie, or game) to play you in a movie, who would it be, and why?

Leader Notes: *We all have a story to tell. However, Pastor David shared that the Greatest Story ever was the story God shared in John 3:16. This is the most popular verse in the Bible but it's more than just a catchy slogan. Let's review the reasons why this is the Greatest Story ever!*

BELIEVE

Key 1: The Greatest Love – “For God so loved.” What does it mean to you personally that God’s love is unconditional?

Leader Note: Encourage responses that emphasize God’s grace and mercy. Refer to 1 John 4:9-10. Sample Answer: "It means that no matter how many times I mess up, God still loves me and wants me to come back to Him."

Key 2: The Greatest Need – “The world.” How have you seen the brokenness of the world affect your life or the lives of those around you?

Leader Note: Encourage vulnerability but also point toward hope in Christ. Scripture Focus: Romans 3:23 Sample Answer: "I've seen how sin destroys relationships, but I've also seen how God's grace restores them."

Key 3: The Greatest Gift – “That He gave His one and only Son.” How does knowing that Jesus willingly took your place change the way you see His sacrifice?

Leader Note: Encourage personal reflection on the depth of Christ’s love. Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 5:21. Sample Answer: "It humbles me. Knowing He suffered for me makes me want to live for Him."

Key 4: The Greatest Invitation – “That whosoever.” Why do you think some people struggle to believe that God’s invitation is truly for them?

Leader Note: Address feelings of unworthiness and the lies people believe about salvation. Scripture Focus: Matthew 11:28. Sample Answer: "Some people think they have to ‘get their life together’ first, but Jesus calls us to come as we are."

Key 5: The Greatest Decision – “Believes in Him.” What’s the difference between believing *about* Jesus and truly trusting in Him?

Leader Note: Challenge the group to consider whether their faith is active or passive. Scripture



Focus: Numbers 21:4-9. Sample Answer: "Believing about Jesus is like knowing a chair can hold me; trusting Him is actually sitting in it."

Key 6: The Greatest Hope – “Shall not perish.” How does knowing you have eternal life affect the way you live today?

Leader Note: Encourage responses that emphasize boldness, peace, and purpose. Scripture Focus: John 10:28. Sample Answer: "It gives me confidence to live without fear, knowing my future is secure in Christ."

Key 7: The Greatest Possession – “But have eternal life.” What does it mean to experience “abundant life” in Christ right now?

Leader Note: Guide the group to see eternal life as a present transformation, not just a future destination. Scripture Focus: John 10:10. Sample Answer: "It means living with joy, purpose, and freedom, no matter the circumstances."

BECOME

1. **Which of these “Greatest” truths stands out to you the most today? Why?**

2. **How can you share the message of John 3:16 with someone this week?**

Leader Note: Encourage practical steps like sharing a testimony, inviting someone to church, or simply having a gospel-centered conversation.

