

STUDY GUIDE: “Is Jesus Necessary?”

Discussion Starters

1. What does someone who does not believe Jesus is necessary look like?
2. Why is this question important? What are the implications of Jesus being necessary—or not?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms.

--“right” (John 1:12)—

--“repent” (Acts 2:38)—

--“forgiveness” (Acts 2:38)—

--“salvation” (Acts 4:12)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

5. John said the right to become children of God is given to those who “believe” in His Name (John 1:12). Explain what “believe” means (This is a question that has been covered before in sermon study guides, so document your answer from scripture).

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6. **Read John 1:12; John 14:1-9; Acts 2:38; Acts 4:8-12.** What do these passages tell us about the “necessity” of Jesus?

Taking It Home

7. Is Jesus necessary for us to change our lives? (Support your answer from scripture)

8. Do you believe people need to be “saved” to avoid being condemned by their sin? Please explain your answer.

9. How does believing Jesus is necessary show in our life?

10. How does believing Jesus is necessary show in a church?

11. How many people in our church do you believe think Jesus is necessary?

12. How can you help change this?