

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Life-changing Failure

**Lesson 2:** Restoration & Truth

**Lesson 3:** Restoration & Suffering

## **Mob Mentality**

**John 19:5-16**

*For God's people, truth must be deeper and more profound than mere political sound bites and marketing slogans. When we allow truth to be hijacked by shallow \_\_\_\_\_ we trade its inherent spiritual power for cheap, worldly power.*

**Discussion 1. Have you ever gotten caught up in mob mentality? How do you stop it from happening to you? How do we know whether "our truth" is genuine or, rather, just the product of group think?**

*Spiritual failure (i.e., sin) is not measured by the world's standards, but by \_\_\_\_\_. Spiritual restoration, then, often will not look like the world thinks it should look.*

**Discussion 2. Can you think of examples of how God's perspective on sin is probably different from the world's perspective on sin? Can you think of examples of how God's perspective on restoration is probably different from the world's perspective on restoration?**

*"\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus?" For each of us, there is more riding on my answer to this question than I can possibly fathom; and there is no getting out of this life without an answer.*

**Discussion 3. When you decided what you believe about Jesus, was it a difficult decision? If so, explain what was difficult about it. If I refuse to make a decision about Jesus, how is that in itself a decision?**

*The danger, of course, in tightly bundling our faith with our cultural expressions of faith is that we lose the distinction between them and end up \_\_\_\_\_ for what our mob mentality tells us is Godliness.*

**Discussion 4. Group think and mob mentality almost always start from a good place: well-intentioned community. What disciplines can you keep in your life in order to keep from being swayed by misguided mob mentality?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**