

Small Group Bible Study: *Isn't It Ironic?*

Text: John 11:45–57

1. When God's Plan Feels Upside Down

After Jesus raised Lazarus, the miracle led to a plot against His life — what looked like loss was part of God's plan for redemption.

- When have you experienced God bringing good out of something that first seemed wrong or confusing?

2. When Fear and Faith Collide

Some who saw Jesus' power believed, while others ran to report Him to the Pharisees.

- How can you choose faith over fear when God's work in your life doesn't fit your expectations?

3. Letting Go of Control

Caiaaphas and the leaders tried to secure their own safety and power, not realizing they were playing into God's larger plan.

- Where do you sense God asking you to loosen your grip and trust His control this week?

4. God at Work in the Mess

Even human schemes and broken motives couldn't stop God from accomplishing His will through Jesus' death.

- How could seeing God's hand in messy or painful situations change the way you approach them?

5. Living Differently Because of the Cross

The "best worst thing" — Jesus' death — became the center of God's rescue plan.

- How might remembering that truth shape your attitude and choices when life feels hard or unfair?

6. Becoming People of Hope

The sermon reminded us that Jesus is the anchor for our souls, steady through every storm.

- What's one practical way you can bring that hope to someone else this week?