

# Jesus Revealed

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### Purpose of This Guide

The primary purpose of this group guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons on Andy Frost's video series "Jesus Revealed." This video series is available to Grace Group Leaders through [RightNowMedia.org](http://RightNowMedia.org).

#### **Note to Grace Group Leader:**

If you do not already have access to RightNowMedia's library, contact [gracegroups@visitgracechurch.com](mailto:gracegroups@visitgracechurch.com)

You may choose to use this guide:

- with your Grace Group
  - with any group of people interested in knowing more about Jesus.
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# 1-Underdog

## Icebreaker: Underdogs

What is appealing about underdogs? Make a list of famous underdogs.

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:05) <b>Mat 2:1-18,</b> <b>Luke 2:1-16</b>	Why is it important to understand the deprived background of Jesus?
Segment 2 (03:29) <b>Mat 4:18-22</b>	In what part of our society do you think Jesus would look for followers if he came for the first time today? Why?
Segment 3 (06:30) <b>Luke 22:54-62</b>	In whom are you investing because you see their God-given potential?
Segment 4 (08:43) <b>John 21:1-18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who are the sheep that Jesus is asking you to feed?</li><li>• What have you sacrificed for Christ?</li></ul>
Segment 5 (10:55) <b>Mat 28:18-20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why does Jesus stress that all authority is His?</li><li>• What does it mean to be a disciple maker?</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Pray as a group. Include some of the items on this list:

- Thank God for coming as an underdog.
- Thank God that He doesn't care about your status or wealth or appearance.
- Pray that God continues to develop you as a faithful follower.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you feed the sheep of Jesus.

## **Application Exercise**

Look at the people around you. In which ones do you recognize God-given potential? What could you do to encourage that potential?

# 2-Revolutionary

## Icebreaker: Revolution

When you think of the word “revolution,” what images come to mind? When you hear of revolutionaries, is your first reaction positive or negative? Why?

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:03) <b>John 2:13-20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss the emotions Jesus displayed.</li><li>• In what ways do you agree/disagree that the human heart is the root of the world's problems?</li></ul>
Segment 2 (02:23) <b>Luke 4:14-20</b>	How do you relate to what Jesus read from the book of Isaiah and what He said about it?
Segment 3 (05:04) <b>Luke 4:14-20</b>	How did Jesus fulfill the Scripture's mention of the “year of the Lord's favor” ( <b>2Cor 6:2</b> )?
Segment 4 (06:41) <b>Luke 4:14-20</b>	If love is at the heart of Jesus' revolution, what would your next 24 hours look like if you followed in His footsteps?
Segment 5 (09:08) <b>Luke 4:20-30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What about Jesus made Him seem less than credible when he spoke in the synagogue?</li><li>• What will you invest to spread the news of Christ?</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Thank God for providing a way for all our debts to be forgiven.
- Praise God for Jesus' revolution.
- Admit where you have fallen short of following in Jesus' footsteps.
- Ask God to guide you in following in Jesus' footsteps.

## **Application Exercise**

Think of one small thing you can do to better follow in Jesus' footsteps. Put it into practice this week.

# 3-Hero

## Icebreaker: Heroes

Who are some of your heroes?

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:04) <b>Mat 27:24-56</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why do we need or not need heroes?</li><li>• In what ways is Jesus different from other heroes?</li></ul>
Segment 2 (04:28) <b>Mat 27:24-56</b>	Speculate on how you would react if darkness came suddenly over the land after a significant event ( <b>Psa 22</b> ).
Segment 3 (07:21) <b>Mat 27:24-56</b>	In what areas of your life does it sometimes feel as if there is still a veil dividing you from God?
Segment 4 (09:10) <b>Mat 27:24-56</b>	Discuss why there is evil in the world even though darkness was defeated at the cross ( <b>Jas 4:1, Rom 8:22-28</b> ).
Segment 5 (11:31) <b>Mat 27:24-56</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does Jesus' resurrection influence the way you view death?</li><li>• How does seeing Jesus as a hero affect your relationship with Him?</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Thank Jesus for being a different kind of hero.
- Admit areas of your life where you feel a veil separating you from God.
- Thank God for tearing the veil to allow us access to Him.
- Tell Jesus how you see Him as a hero in your life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to move you to maintain an open and ongoing conversation with God.

## **Application Exercise**

Each day this week, tell Jesus one of the ways that you view Him as a hero.

# 4-Headliner

## Icebreaker: Headliners

Who are some headliners you would make a special effort to see?

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:05)	Why are we sometimes drawn to activities and programs instead of following Jesus?
Segment 2 (01:21) <b>Mat 16:13-20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What keeps us from fully comprehending who Jesus is?</li><li>• Discuss times when you've wanted Jesus to do things your way instead of you doing things His way.</li></ul>
Segment 3 (02:47) <b>Mat 17:1-9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss "mountain top" moments you've had.</li><li>• What gets in the way of us taking our relationship with Jesus more seriously?</li></ul>
Segment 4 (05:54) <b>Mat 17:1-9</b>	Discuss how Jesus is shaping your life story as you follow Him.
Segment 5 (09:50) <b>Mat 17:1-9</b>	Speculate how you would have reacted had you been there to experience what Peter, James, and John experienced. How is that different from the way you react to Jesus in your life today?

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Thank God for sending His Son to take on human flesh and walk among us. Thank Him for truly understanding what it is like to be human.
- Admit to God where you fall short of giving credit to Jesus as the headliner that He is.
- Ask God to help you see how you can take your relationship with Christ more seriously.
- Commit an area of your life to Him that you have trouble releasing.

## **Application Exercise**

Each day this week, ask Jesus to help you release one area of your life to Him. This could be the same area each day if you are primarily struggling with one area, or you could vary the area each day.

# 5-Dreamer

## Icebreaker: Childhood Dreams

Share some of your childhood dreams.

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:04)	How are your aspirations today different from those you had as a child?
Segment 2 (01:47)	Why do we sometimes discourage dreamers?
Segment 3 (03:37) <b>Mat 5:1-11</b>	In what way do you agree or disagree with the idea that blessings come from knowing God more intimately?
Segment 4 (06:18) <b>Mat 5:43-48</b>	Discuss practical ways to love our enemies.
Segment 5 (8:52) <b>Mat 6:1-18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In what ways does our culture make it difficult to remain humble?</li><li>• What can we do to encourage others without contributing to their lack of humility?</li></ul>
Segment 6 (10:36) <b>Mat 7:24-29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss ways to put Jesus' teaching into action.</li><li>• How can this help us become more joyful, loving, and humble?</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Praise God for the amazing picture Jesus painted of His Kingdom.
- Admit to God where you struggle with embracing some of the Beatitudes.
- Ask God to help you do good to please Him without any regard for credit from others.
- Invite God to guide you in building your house on the Rock.

## **Application Exercise**

Pick one of the Beatitudes to meditate on each day this week. You may prefer to focus on one Beatitude the entire week or focus on a different one each day.

# 6-Wildman

## Icebreaker: Wildman

What names spring to mind when you think of wild men? For each one, list some good and bad characteristics.

## Discussion Questions

Segment 1 (00:00) <b>Mat 3:13-17</b>	Why did Jesus insist that John baptize Him?
Segment 2 (02:54) <b>Mat 4:1-11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss how some of your trials have helped you learn about yourself and your relationship with God.</li><li>• Which of the temptations that Andy mentioned have you experienced?</li></ul>
Segment 3 (05:56) <b>Mat 4:1-11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What can we do to protect ourselves from falling prey to misinterpreting the Bible?</li><li>• How does knowing your identity in Christ help you deal with temptation and doubt?</li></ul>
Segments 4&5 (09:30) <b>Mat 4:1-11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share your current understanding of the mission God has given you.</li><li>• Discuss times when you have been unclear on what God wants or when you have resisted His prompting.</li><li>• Share what helps you to seek God's direction.</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Thank God for the example Jesus set in getting baptized.
- Praise God that Jesus understands temptation.
- Admit areas of your life that are prone to temptation.
- Ask God to turn you away from temptation.
- Ask God to help you listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- Invite God to remind you of His plan for your life.

## **Application Exercise**

This week, try something new to help yourself better listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

# 7-Wrestler

## Icebreaker: Tough Decisions

Discuss some of the toughest decisions you have had to make.

## Discussion Questions

<p>Segments 1&amp;2 (00:02) <b>Mat 26:36-45</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What part does prayer play when you make decisions?</li><li>• How does the idea of Jesus as a “wrestler” challenge or comfort you?</li></ul>
<p>Segments 3&amp;4 (03:48) <b>Mat 26:36-45</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In what ways does suffering affect your ability to call God “Father”?</li><li>• How do you deal with unsupportive friends when you are making a difficult decision?</li></ul>
<p>Segment 5 (10:05) <b>Mat 26:36-45</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speculate how things would be different in the world if all believers made decisions based on God’s will.</li><li>• What has Jesus asked you to sacrifice?</li></ul>

## **Group Prayer**

Spend time praying in your group. Include some of these:

- Thank God for Jesus' example of prayer.
- Admit the types of decisions that are most difficult for you to turn over to Him completely.
- Ask God to help you trust Him fully and to hear Him clearly.
- Invite Jesus to teach us to pray "not my will, but yours" and mean it.
- Praise God for having a specific plan for each of our lives.

## **Application Exercise**

Consider upcoming decisions you need to make. Take actions to clearly hear from God about those decisions.

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