**“Jesus & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Part 6**

**May 31/June 1**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** What is the greatest act of courage you have ever witnessed?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **John 19:38; Matthew 27:57-60**

Read the passage:

* What is happening in this passage?
* What do I see about God? What is God doing (or inviting us) in this passage?
* What do I see about man? What are people doing?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. The story of Joseph or Arimathea teaches us that at some point our private faith needs to become public courage.
   1. What does that statement mean to you?
   2. What is holding you back from making your faith public? How can you overcome these hurdles?
2. Secondly, this story teaches us that courageous faith shows up when there’s nothing to gain and much to lose.
   1. Have you or someone you know lost anything due to sharing their faith? What was that like?
   2. Are there days when you hold back on sharing your faith for fear of losing something or someone?
      1. How can you learn to surrender that fear to God?
   3. Joseph stepped out in courage even though he didn’t know the tomb would be empty three days later.
      1. Is there an area of your life where you feel you are still in the “dark” about what God will do next?
3. Thirdly, Joseph teaches us that courageous faith uses what you have to honor Jesus.
   1. What are some of the gifts, resources, talents God has already given you?
      1. How can you grow in using these resources for God’s purposes?
4. Lastly, God uses Joseph’s courage for exponential impact.
   1. Have you ever seen a moment of courage in your life used by God for significant impact?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Pray for any group prayer requests