

Crossroads Covenant Church  
sermon-based small group discussion guide for January 6, 2018

**Getting to Know Us-** building intimacy in your shared group

1. Do you make New Years resolutions of any kind? Do you have any resolutions or goals for 2019?

**Getting into the Word-** digging deeper into the message

1. In this week's Words in Red message, we saw the faith of a Roman centurion that was so extraordinary, Jesus marveled. In v13, Jesus then says "let it be done as you have believed." Discuss the power of this kind of extraordinary faith and other Scriptures that talk about what faith in Christ can accomplish.
2. We heard that Jesus barely gives a second thought to the Roman oppression of Israel, because it is nothing compared to His own power and authority. Later, before He ascended, Jesus commands His followers to "Go". How do these ideas motivate us to participate in ministry even in parts of the world where Christianity is against worldly law?
3. Jesus frequently encountered non-Jews who approached Him. Although He was not called to minister to them, He never turned them away or rejected their faith in Him. Read the declaration that Jesus fulfilled prophecy in Matthew 12:15-21 and then read the original prophecy recorded in Isaiah 42:1-4. Meditate on the meaning of this passage in Isaiah for a bit and then talk about what it reveals about Jesus Christ as the Chosen Servant of God.

**Application-** sharing personal experiences

1. Jesus could have called ten legions of angels at any time to deal with difficulties in His ministry, yet He submitted to God the Father's plan and never did so. Share a time that you had every right to protect of yourself against attacks from the world, yet you submitted to God's call for obedience and endurance.
2. God has placed in our hearts the desire to do good works, including giving to the poor, feeding the hungry, caring for the oppressed, and many others to show God's love to the lost. Pick one particular "good work" that fills your heart so much you would like to wave a magic wand to fix it. How do you participate in this work without a magic wand, to bring the light of Jesus Christ into the world?