

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ The Confronting Jesus

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Wrath of Kahn” and/or “Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon” video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- In what ways do the characters in these videos compare to those discussed in these scriptures?
- To what degree is your congregation or group comfortable really discussing Jesus' pain and suffering and why?
- There are those who say that we prefer the “dead” Jesus, who we can talk about but who never confronts us. What do you think about that?
- If your congregation has a “preferred” image of Jesus that it wants to present to the world, or one that it prefers to think of Jesus as being, what might that be and why?
- In what ways might having such an image affect the way a congregation or group might act?
- In what ways should pain and loss affect the way congregations put people in touch with Jesus and encourage them in their own efforts to come to terms with him? Why?

✔ React to This

Play the “Alexander the great” and/or “Hellboy2” videos, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- In what ways do you think that these videos relate to the previous discussion?
- Tell about a person who you lost or almost lost. What role did anger or “bargaining” play in this incident?
- How does being strongly disappointed by someone feel when compared to a more serious loss? What kinds of emotions come into play and how do you handle them?
- What is the best way to handle it when someone close doesn't believe in you and something you have your heart set on?

- How can we best respond when we let someone else down, especially when they were depending on us for support?
- Given that others might look to us for insights on how to follow Christ, what is the best way to work with their expectations?

✔ Close

Invite people to talk briefly about the faith expectations they are currently placing on themselves.

Close with a prayer that they can temper their expectations by seeing themselves and others as God sees them.

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