

STUDY NOTES - APRIL 14, 2019

Sermon Series: "Hope Rising"

Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. *Sermons on line at camanochapel.org*.

John 19

1. Hope rises as we move from curiosity to commitment. (John 3)

How to move from curiosity to commitment:

- 1. Act on what you know rather than getting stuck on what you wish you knew.
- 2. Evaluate yourself to learn if your curiosity is a ruse to keep you from commitment.
- 3. Move beyond "taking in"; Start giving back by serving in a ministry.
- 4. Use your curiosity to drive you to study and apply God's Word.
- 2. Hope rises when we see Jesus for who He really is. (V. 39)

John 19:39 (ESV) — **39** Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

- o Life lesson: Evaluate your view of Jesus not just by your words, but by your actions.
- 3. Hope rises when we go public with our allegiance to Christ. (Vs. 39-40)

John 19:39–40 (ESV) — **39** Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. **40** So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

o Life lesson: Make yourself known *as a follower of Christ*. (at work, school, and neighborhood).

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- ➤ Have someone read Sunday's passage: John 19:38-42
 - What truths stand out to you?
 - 1. Would you describe yourself as curious or committed?
 - What steps can you take to deepen in your commitment to Christ?
 - 2. Share several qualities of Christ that are especially meaningful to you.
 - What results from just talking about Jesus and not acting upon what we know?
 - What active steps are you taking presently in your commitment to Christ?
 - 3. Have you made yourself known as a follower of Christ to those you work with, go to school with, and those who live in your neighborhood?
 - o How did you "go public" in your commitment to Christ?
 - What are some ways you would advise someone and how to "go public" to use the specific groups mentioned above?
 - Share your commitment to Christ with someone this week and prepare to talk about it at next group meeting.

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