



# **HILLCREST**

## **LIFE GROUPS**

### Sermon Discussion Guide

Christ Followers

John 7:1-9

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## Get to Know You

How many siblings do you have?

## Study the Book

Read John 7:1-9

### **It means more than familiarity.**

What was your favorite activity with your family as you grew up?

How can familiarity with church and Christianity be a stumbling block to becoming/growing as a Christ-follower?

### **It means embracing the resurrection.**

In your own words, what does it mean to embrace the resurrection?

Pastor Steve mentioned ten things Jesus' brothers saw with their own eyes. How many can we name?

**It means facing some persecution.**

Read John 7:7 and Matthew 5:11-12

Pastor Steve told a story about “Christ Followers” and “Nominal Christians” in Beirut. How would you know the difference between a “Christ Follower” and “Nominal Christian” in Austin, TX?

How have you seen or experienced hate, insults, persecution, or slander due to following Christ?

## Group Application and Discussion

Suppose Austin was a city that was like Jesus' brothers and did not believe in Him...yet; how would the city be different as people embraced the resurrection? What would be the same?

## Personal Reflection and Application

How are you living out your faith? On a scale of 1 – 10, do you live more like a Nominal Christian or Christ Follower?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Nominal Christian								Christ Follower		

If you have never placed your faith in Jesus Christ, talk with your Life Group leader today.

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Here are some things these jaded brothers saw with their own eyes; Ten things the brothers saw:

- 1)** Jesus's tomb was empty.
- 2)** The Tomb had a Roman seal that had been broken.
- 3)** The tomb had a Roman guard of 4 battle-tested soldiers.
- 4)** A huge stone in front of the tomb had been moved.
- 5)** Hundreds of people saw Him alive.
- 6)** Witnesses died rather than deny what they had seen.
- 7)** The resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament.
- 8)** Jesus said it was going to happen.
- 9)** Thousands of life-long Jews abandoned Judaism and began worshiping Jesus.
- 10)** New Christ-followers formed a church that began changing the world.

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