The Gospel of John: Truth

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November 4th, 2018

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. LEADER: Strongly encourage each member of your life group to read through John using the Gospel of John study booklet that accompanies this series.
	1. Each week, ask your group to share what struck them in Scriptures- something convicting, confusing, confounding, etc.
	2. OPTIONAL- Consider one of the following options as you study this book together:
		1. Watch “Whiteboard Bible 12: the Gospels” on YouTube. This gives a good overview of the four gospels. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGWe36DabcI>
		2. Use the “How to Read John: Part 1 and Part 2” training videos from the Bible Project on Right Now Media. There are video overviews of the book with good questions that help you observe, interpret, and apply the Scripture. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/Preview/221229>
		3. Watch John part 1 and part 2 from the Read Scripture series by the Bible Project on Right Now Media. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/181310>
2. Read **John 1:1-5**. In the sermon we learned that Jesus is the Word and he became flesh so we can see what God is like. In the gospels what things does Jesus life reveal about God? Stop and praise Jesus Christ for what he has revealed to us about God.
3. Read **John 1:6-9**. Jesus is light and his light helps us see what is real and true. What has he shown you that is real and true? What sin has he exposed that was hard for you to see?
4. Read **John 1:12-13**. Have someone from the group share about how they became a child of God. How did your relationship with God change after you received Jesus as your Savior?
5. Read **John 12; 37** and **John 20:25**. It’s not unusual to have doubts about God. Discuss doubts and struggles you have had about God and the Bible. How have you and how are you working through those questions? Read **John 20:29**. Name some of the marvelous things that we learn about Jesus in the Bible.

**Next Steps**: As a group, commit that each member will read the book of John this month. You can watch the entire book on YouTube by just searching for “Gospel of John Movie” or on “You Version” under movies.

**Prayer Thought:**

* **ADORATION:** Praise God for sending his Son Jesus Christ to the earth so you can know truth.
* **CONFESSION:**  Confess areas of your life where you have failed to obey the “Truth.”
* **THANKSGIVING:** Thank Jesus for speaking truth into your life.
* **SUPPLICATION:** Ask your heavenly Father to increase your faith.

**Memory Verse: John 5:24** “*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”*

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Love

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November 11, 2018

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Review the reading from the Gospel of John booklet. What did you discover in God’s Word this week?
2. **Read Exodus 12:21-27 and John 13:1-5.**  How does the celebration of the Feast of Passover represent the coming of Jesus? Why is it significant that Jesus’ last supper with his disciples and his death took place at the time of Passover?
3. **Read John 13:5-11.** Why did Jesus wash their feet? Pastor John said the first step in loving is for us to receive Jesus’ love. Why did Peter have a hard time receiving at first? In what ways is it hard for you to receive the love of Jesus?
4. **Read John 13:12-17 and John 13:34,35.** Jesus tells us to follow His example and replicate His love. Pastor John mentioned five ways to love: *Compassionately* (**Read John 9:1-7**); *Practically* (**Read 1 John 3:17,18**); *Graciously* (**Read John 8:1-11**); *Sacrificially* (**Read John 10:11**); *Unconditionally* Which of these is the hardest for you to receive? Which is the hardest for you to give to others and why?
5. **Read John John 6:32-35; John 8:12; John 10:7-10; John 10:11.**  These verses list four

of the seven “I Am” statements of Jesus. What word does He use to describe Himself in each of these passages? How has Jesus been bread, light, gate, or shepherd to you?

1. **Read John 6:4-14; John 6:16-21; review John 9:1-7.** Why do you think Jesus did what He did in each of these situations? What do you learn about Jesus from each of these? Seeing what Jesus did here, what do you think He could do in your life?

**Next Steps:**  a) Choose someone to show love to this week.

b) Pray and ask Jesus to give you a specific plan to show that love and let you do it following His example and in His power.

**Prayer Thought:** Following the ACTS method, have your group take some time to ADORE and thank Jesus for who He is. Then ask them to silently CONFESS ways they have missed opportunities to love the people in their lives. Next THANK Jesus for all the ways he continues to work in our lives and, finally, SAY WHAT YOU NEED and ask Him to give you opportunities to show His love and the ability to follow through.

**Memory Verse: John 8:31-32** *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

GOSPEL OF JOHN: Life

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Review the reading from the Gospel of John booklet. What did you discover in God’s Word this week?
2. When many people think of Life’s purpose they feel that it is explained by the “American Dream”. If someone were to ask you “What is the American Dream?”, how would you answer?
3. Based on what scripture says, is the “American Dream” Biblically what God is calling us to in life? How are they possibly the same, and how are they different? Search the scriptures to back up what you are saying.
4. Have someone read **John 3:1-21** out loud for everybody.
5. Answer the 3 Crucial Life Questions that were talked about in the sermon this week based on John 3 and other scripture throughout John:
* What kind of LIFE does Jesus offer?
* Why do I need Jesus to have LIFE?
* How do I receive LIFE?
1. Read **John 16:32-33**. What clarity do these two scriptures give to what Jesus tells us this LIFE will bring? Do you feel the disciples fully understood what he was saying?

**Next Steps:**

Take time for each person to share one way they will choose life in Jesus every day. How will you best hold each other accountable in these steps?

**Prayer Thought:**

Praise Jesus that He is life and in Him we find our best life. Confess any lack of trust in Him or where you have built your own life apart from Him. Thank Him for His provision, His forgiveness, His love, His grace. Ask Him for more of the abundant life that only He can give!

**Memory Verse: John 13:34-35** *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

The Gospel of John: Purpose

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November 25, 2018

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Review the reading from the Gospel of John booklet. What did you discover in God’s Word this week?
2. Do you feel that you are currently living out your purpose? Why or why not?
3. Pastor John taught that in order to live in our God-given purpose, we need to follow God’s will and not our own. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6, Jeremiah 29:11, Hebrews 13:20-21.** What do these scriptures say happens when we follow God’s will?
4. In order to live out our purpose in Christ Jesus, we need to trust God’s power, not our own. **Read Philippians 4:13.** Most of us have heard this verse a thousand times, but read it twice and ask your group to close their eyes as the words are read.How does this scripture say “all things” are accomplished? What might happen if you began to claim those words over your life and truly believed that God’s power will help you accomplish what you’ve been called to do?
5. Pastor John reminds us that were sent to be witnesses for God, and that is a major part of our purpose here on earth. Read **Matthew 28:19-20**. What does Jesus promise in very last part of that commission? What are the action steps we can take toward living out our calling according to that scripture?
6. **Read Romans 8:28**. What does Paul say about God in this passage? How can this give inspire you as you live out your God-given calling?

**Next Steps:** Take a step this week toward living in your God-given purpose. If you haven’t taken CORE, sign up for the class. If you need to trust God more that he’ll provide the way, make time this week to focus on prayer. No matter what your next step needs to be, make an effort to make space in your day/head to hear God. Share with someone you trust your fears, worries, concerns, hang-ups about living out your purpose and them to pray with you and for you. If you’re living out your purpose, ask someone to pray that you continue to seek Jesus and do His will, through His power, not your own.

**Prayer Thought:** As a group, use this prayer time to pray as Jesus instructed in **Matthew 6:9**, by reciting together (either out loud or silently) the Lord’s Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come****, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven****. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN!***Memory Verse**: **John 17:3** *“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”*