

Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:

Week 5

Beginning question: If you had to describe yourself using three words (or metaphors), what would they be...?

Assigned Individual Reading John 5-10

From this point forward we will be grouping together larger sections of John—so be sure to read every chapter individually! However, groups will not have sufficient time to study each chapter in depth.

*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God for a believing and receptive heart and for God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.

Read John 8:1-30

What is said here about testimony and judgment?

Read Deuteronomy 19:15: who are the two witnesses required by the law in John 8?

How does the lifting up of the Son of Man (v. 28) relate to testimony and judgment?

What are the metaphors Jesus uses to describe himself in this passage?

How has Jesus brought light into your world recently and what has that light revealed?

Read John 8:31-59

According to Jesus what does it mean to have God as our Father? What does it mean when we act counter to that?

Why do you think the Jews here are having such a difficult time understanding Jesus?

Jesus spoke the truth to the Jews (even though they struggled to hear it) and he still speaks the truth to us today, what truth is Jesus speaking to you that might be difficult to hear?

When God shows us the truth about our own brokenness and need for him, do you respond with humility or with defensiveness? How can you choose humility?

John 8

Our Father, Your Son faced such controversy as He moved toward the cross. Why do men not acknowledge the Light of the world? Our sin nature is so powerful in evil. Only You can move us toward the hope and joy that is ours in Christ. Your Son suffered for us. He came from above in order to face many trials for us here below. He was lifted up on the cross after bringing the Word of truth to His disciples. The truth that He has spoken still sets men free today. Grant that we will abide in that Word forever. If Jesus sets us free, we will be free indeed. We do not want to return to the way of the devil. We desire to know You day by day as our Father, and to follow You. Protect us from the dangers that come from the Father of lies. Your promise is so wonderful. We shall not see the second death, though our mortal bodies may rest in the grave. Your Son is the great "I AM" forever!