



Read the Gospel

Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.

Scripture passage: John 20:30-31

Who is Jesus? In every generation, believers need reassurance about the truth of the Christian faith, and a lost world needs a clear, convincing, and compelling witness concerning the reality of the Gospel so they may know and understand who He is. Over the next few months, we will investigate and affirm the Scripture's declaration and claim concerning Jesus. Why would we spend so much time doing this? The reason is simple. Each of us needs to realize that "It's not the strength of your faith, but the object of your faith that saves you." And because we all need to be ready and able to personally and accurately answer the question, "Who is Jesus to me?" In our study, we will reaffirm our understanding of Jesus as the Christ and the author's purpose in writing the Gospel of John stated in John 20:31, "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Pray for the Work of the Gospel

Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise** God for His Word and the work that He accomplishes as we grow together and serve Him.
- **Repent** from spiritual apathy by asking the Lord to give group members a renewed love and zeal for God.
- **Ask** God to give your group a heart for the lost and a desire to live in light of this passion.
- **Yield** to the Holy Spirit's work as you seek to make disciples and multiply disciple-makers.

Engage in the Gospel

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion with your Life Group.

- Have you ever had to defend the Gospel or persuade anyone concerning the validity of Jesus? What verses of Scripture did you use to make your defense? What was the result?
- Describe a time in your life when the phrase "nobody but Jesus" has been your only response. What were the circumstances surrounding that situation?
- Discuss the differences between the accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and the Gospel of John. What is significant about John's account and why?
- Read John 20:30-31 and discuss the purpose of the Gospel of John.
 - What two words jump out as the intended outcome of the Gospel of John?
 - What two things does John want you to believe according to this passage?
 - What does Paul declare about Jesus in Philippians 2:5-11?
 - What is the result of believing in Jesus Christ?
 - Describe this life according to John 10:10 and what it looks like in your own life.
 - What promise is given in John 10:28 regarding eternal life in Jesus? What is your response to this truth?



- Discuss this quote from Pastor McKinley: “It’s not the strength of your faith, but the object of your faith that saves you.”
- How would you explain the following statement to someone struggling with Jesus Christ as being the only way to salvation?
If your faith is in anyone or anything but Jesus, it is errant and insufficient because the way of salvation and the way of deliverance is found in nothing and nobody but Jesus!
- Read and apply the following verses regarding the sufficiency of Christ for salvation.
 - Colossians 1:15-23
 - 2 Corinthians 3:4-5
 - Philippians 3:4-11
 - Hebrews 7:22-28
- Read John 14:6.
 - When did you apply this verse to your life personally and make Jesus Lord of your life?
 - Are you struggling with a situation in your life right now?
 - Does your faith need to be renewed with the truth of the Gospel of God in this situation?
 - Does your heart need to surrender and simply say, “Nobody but Jesus can fix this circumstance”?
 - Will you yield to the Gospel and allow Christ to be “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” in your situation?
 - Who do you know that needs the Gospel?

Live the Gospel

These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader’s responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately a disciple-maker.

- What changes will you make in your life this week as you remember the truth, “nobody but Jesus”?
- Who do you need to build relationship with and invite to this study on the Gospel of John?

Joshua Code memory verse:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
 – Proverbs 22:6