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a.	Tell us your name	. where vou	ي live and work. ب	vour family	/ details, and	l a funnv	/ fact
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- b. Update us on a few things about last year:
 - i. What were a few things that went well?
 - ii. What were a few things that were difficult?
- 2. Summarize what you learn from the following scripture about the author of the Gospel of John.
 - a. Matthew 4:21-22
 - b. Mark 3:16-19 a Luke 9:54-55
 - c. Luke 9:28-36
 - d. Matthew 26:36-38
 - e. John 13:23-24
 - f. John 19:25-27
 - g. John 20:3-4
 - h. John 21:20-24



John 1:1-18 Lesson 2

DAY 1

1.	Read John	1:1-5, 1 John 1:1-4 & G	enesis 1:1-3.
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a.	What is John	saying about.	Jesus as he reflects	on the stor	y of creation?
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b. What do we need that comes from the "Word"? (Deuteronomy 8:3-4)

c. Based on both science and the Bible, how are life and light connected?

d. What brings light and what creates darkness in you?

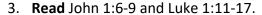
DAY 2

- 2. **Read** John 1:5, 1:10-13.
 - a. How was it possible that some Jews did not understand or recognize Jesus as God?
 - b. What proof do you have that validates Jesus is God?
 - c. From your knowledge of the Bible, what do we inherit as heirs of God, and what is required to become an heir?
 - d. How has your inheritance from God changed the way you live?



John 1:1-18 Lesson 2

DAY 3



- a. Why did God create John the Baptist?
- b. As Christians, we are part of a body which requires all the parts to work together. What happens when one part of the Christian body stops functioning properly?
- c. Where are you possibly hurting the Christians in your life because you are not doing what God built you to do?

DAY 4

- 4. **Read** John 1:14-18.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus gave mankind grace (gifts we do not deserve)?



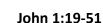
John 1:19-51 Lesson 3

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1.	Read	Luke 3:1-18,	John 1:19	9-28 & I	Malachi	4:5-6.
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- a. Why do you think the Jerusalem Pharisees sent priests and Levites to question John the Baptist?
- b. Why would John be baptizing Jews when this had historically only been done for Gentiles converting to Judaism? (Ezekiel 36:24-27)
- c. What are some ways you can you be a voice in the American "cultural desert" announcing the return of Jesus?
- d. John the Baptist had a very clear understanding that he was not Jesus. When do you replace God in your life with yourself?

- 2. **Read** John 1:29-34 and Luke 3:21-22.
 - a. Why do you think John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God? (Exodus 12:1-13)
 - b. Why did Jesus, as a man, need the Holy Spirit? (Isaiah 11:1-3)
 - c. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 and Galatians 5:16. Why do you need the Holy Spirit as a Christian?
 - d. What helps you experience the power of the Holy Spirit?





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a.	How did these	men come to	know Jesus	. and what was	their response?
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- b. Why do you think Jesus gave Simon a new name, Cephas, which means "rock"?
- c. Who brought you to Jesus and how has your identity changed since you started following Him?
- d. Why do you think it's hard for most men to introduce other men to Jesus?

- 4. **Read** John 1:43-51.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus sought out Philip directly, while some of the other disciples were sent or brought to Him?
 - b. The Galilean Jews hated the Judean Jews who controlled Nazareth. How did Jesus handle Nathanael's criticism of Jesus being from Nazareth?
 - c. What causes you to doubt that Jesus is God?
 - d. Read Daniel 7:13-14. What is Jesus telling Nathanael about himself?
 - e. Why do you think Jesus chose fisherman to be his first disciples?
 - f. Why do you think Jesus chose you?





1.	Read	John	2:1-1	1.
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- a. What might we deduce about the emotions, priorities, and relational style of Jesus as we read that he attended a Jewish wedding? (Matthew 19:4-6 & 22:1-2)
- b. Why do you think Mary asked Jesus to solve the problem of a wine shortage at a wedding of people who appear to be either her close friends or relatives?
- c. When Jesus says his time has not yet come what time is he referencing? (John 17:1-5)
- d. Why do you think marriage is so important to God?
- e. What do you need to do to more closely align with the value God places on marriage?

Day 2

2. **Re-read** John 2:1-11.

- a. What lesson might Jesus have been teaching when he chose to transform Jewish purification water into new wine?
- b. What was required at a molecular level for Jesus to make water into wine?
- c. Why do you think Jesus only allowed the servants and the disciples to see this miracle?
- d. What do you need to ask Jesus to transform in your life or in you right now?





3.	Read .	John 2:12-17	&	Deuteronomy	<i>'</i> 1	6:5-	8	•
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- a. Capernaum is on the sea of Galilee. Why do you think Jesus, his mom, and his disciples went there for a few days after the wedding in Cana?
- b. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem for the Passover?
- c. What is the justification for Jesus using a whip to clear men from the temple?
- d. What is the difference between the emotion Jesus showed in this story and your angry outbursts?

- 4. **Read** John 2:18-25.
 - a. Who are the "Jews" that demanded a sign from Jesus?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus did not perform a miracle to prove his authority, but instead told them about his death and resurrection?
 - c. Why did Jesus perform miracles in Jerusalem for others to see, yet chose to not entrust himself to the people?
 - d. At what point does approval from others become a problem for you?





1.	Read	John	2:23	- 3:1-8

- a. Why do you think Nicodemus came at night to meet with Jesus?
- b. How was the spiritual heritage of the Jews thought to be critical to their salvation?
- c. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 and Romans 10:8-13. How is a person born again? Who might be described as our spiritual parents?
- d. What is Jesus comparing to the wind?
- e. How were you born again?

- 2. **Read** John 3:9-21 and Numbers 21:4-9.
 - a. Why is it difficult for people to understand scripture and the truth of Jesus?
 - b. Why did Jesus reference the snake on a pole to help Nicodemus understand?
 - c. How would you explain John 3:16 to an unbeliever who thinks Christians are fools for thinking there is only one way to heaven and everyone else is condemned?
 - d. When have you found yourself loving darkness?
 - e. What should you bring into the light today?



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a.	How woul	d you	describe ⁻	the sit	uation	in this	text?
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b. How do you see this behavior playing out in our churches today?

c. How does John correct the thinking of his followers?

d. How do you need to become less so than Jesus can become more?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 3:31-36.
 - a. What are all the ways John describes Jesus in this text?

b. What is the outcome for a person who rejects the Son? Can you describe what you think that will be like?

c. What makes you certain that you are not condemned?



John 4 Lesson 6

Day 1

- 1. **Read** John 4:1-42 and 2 Kings 17.
 - a. Who were the people living in Samaria?
 - b. What is a possible comparison John is trying to make between Joseph and the woman at the well? (Genesis 50:15-21)
 - c. How does Jesus gain the woman's trust and convince her that He is the Messiah?
 - d. What are some other reasons why a woman might have had five husbands other than adultery? Why were the people of her town willing to listen to her?
 - e. What is Jesus telling the woman about true worship?
 - f. What aspect of your persona do you think is most valuable to Jesus in redeeming lost people?

- 2. **Read** John 4:27-38.
 - a. Why are the disciples so confused by Jesus' behavior?
 - b. How did "doing the will of him who sent me" provide Jesus the food he needed?
 - c. How did the disciples reap the benefits of work that was not done by them?
 - d. Who is one person in your life whom you deeply dislike? What would have to change for you to want to connect with that person with the desire to offer them salvation?







- a. Why do you think the disciples made no effort to teach about Jesus in the town when they went for food?
- b. What would compel Samaritan Jews (who did not believe the Judean Jews were true followers of God) to come, listen to, and proclaim Jesus (a Judean Jew) to be the Savior of the World?
- c. What do you think Jesus would be telling you to do today if he were explaining this story to you in person right now?

- 4. **Read** John 4:43-54
 - a. Why do you think John continues to explain the tension between Jesus and the Jerusalem Jews?
 - b. Describe the two types of believers referenced in this story. (John 20:29)
 - c. What power does Jesus demonstrate in this story?
 - d. What upcoming decision will you completely allow the Word of God to decide for you?





Day 1

1. Read John 5:1-8

- a. What might Jesus have been trying to communicate when he chose to heal a lame person on the Sabbath?
- b. Why do you think Jesus chose to heal only one person instead of healing them all?
- c. Why do think the man gave excuses as to why he couldn't get in the water instead of saying yes to the offer of being healed?
- d. What problem seems to be unresolved in your life? What reasons have you come to accept for why the problem still exists?

Day 2

2. Read John 5:9-18

- a. Why would a man being healed and carrying his mat on the Sabbath be viewed as bad?
- b. What does the response of the man who was healed show you about his belief in Jesus?
- c. Jesus said his Father is <u>always</u> at work. What kind of work would God be doing on the Sabbath, and how is Jesus following the will of His Father?
- d. Why do you think God prescribed one day of rest for man?
- e. Read Exodus 20:8-11. How do you feel about keeping the Sabbath Holy?



John 5 Lesson 7

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a. \	What are two	powers that Jesus	described which	prove His unit	y with God?
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- b. What does this scripture teach about resurrection and judgment?
- c. What does it mean to be "equal" in comparison to being in "unity" with someone?
- d. How are you trying to be equal with someone with whom you should be in unity?

- 4. **Read** John 5:31-47
 - a. What are the testimonies which Jesus provides as proof of his authority?
 - b. What did Jesus say that was wrong in the minds of his Jewish accusers?
 - c. How can extensive knowledge of the scripture make you arrogant?
 - d. How can others be hurt by prideful use of scripture disguised as "Spirit led" teaching?





us experience them?

1.	Rea	ad John 6:1-15 Why do you think Jesus asked Philip how to feed this large crowd?
	b.	What does this story reveal about how Jesus expects us to solve difficult problems?
	c.	Why do you think John includes the details about the leftovers?
	d.	The people wanted to make Jesus their king. Jesus wanted them to accept him as Lord of their life. What is the difference?
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2.		ad John 6:16-24 and Matthew 14:28-32. Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples ahead without him?
	b.	Why did Jesus walk on water as a private demonstration of his power to his disciples?
	c.	Why do you think Jesus helps us get out of difficult situations and at other times He lets





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- a. Why were the people confused about how they would be fed?
- b. What do you learn about salvation in this story?
- c. How do you know if you are only pursuing Jesus for comfort?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 6:43-59.
 - a. What is Jesus trying to tell the Jews about his body and blood?
 - b. Why would Jews not drink or eat the blood of any animals? (Genesis 9:4-6, Leviticus 17:10-14)
 - c. How can we experience the power and presence of Jesus as believers without actually eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus? (John 14:15-26)

- 5. **Read** John 6:60-71.
 - a. Why did so many people abandon Jesus at this point?
 - b. Why did Peter stay?
 - c. Why have some people who were active Christians turned away from Jesus?





- 1. Read John 7:1-9 and Leviticus 23:39-44.
 - a. The Feast of Tabernacles was a mandatory celebration for Jewish men. Why was it important for them to remember what God did in the desert?
 - b. What are a few of the key events God orchestrated in your life that you should remember and celebrate with people in your life each year?
 - c. How much time do you allocate to following God's plan for your life each week?
 - d. Jesus diligently followed the timing which God set in place for his life. Why is God's timing critical in your life? Share at least one example of how God's timing became clear to you.

- 2. Read John 7:10-24.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus led his brothers to believe that he was not going to the feast?
 - b. What does Jesus say about his authority, the law, and circumcision to help the Jews see their erroneous thinking?
 - c. What is driving the Judean Jews to want to kill Jesus? (John5:16-18)
 - d. What erroneous beliefs have you held that have changed through your diligence in studying the Bible?



John 7 Lesson 9

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a.	What are	the claims	which the	skeptics mad	le about .	Jesus in these	verses?
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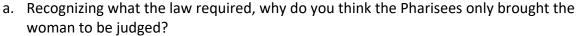
- b. How does Jesus refute each false claim?
- c. Read Isaiah 55:6, Amos 8:12, John 7:33, & Romans 11:25. What does Jesus say about the window of opportunity for people to be saved?
- d. Read Matthew 24:41-46 & Revelation 20:15. Why do you think God will exclude people from salvation?

- 4. **Read** John 7:45-52.
 - a. How did Jesus evade being arrested?
 - b. In 2 Kings 14:25 we learn that Jonah the prophet was from Galilee. Why do you think the Pharisees falsely accused Nicodemus of not knowing the scriptures?
 - c. Read 1 Kings 19:14 and Matthew 23:29-32. Jesus like many of the prophets of Israel died. Why are you not experiencing any significant opposition to following Jesus?
 - d. The Jews were deeply divided, and many opposed the spread of the Gospel. How do you intentionally or unintentionally interfere with the spread of the Gospel?





1. Read John 8:1-11 & Leviticus 20:10.	
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b.	Why did	Jesus liberate	the womar	who had	been liv	ing a life	of s	in
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c. How does Jesus expect us to deal with lust and infidelity in our life? (Matthew 5:27-29)

- 2. Read John 8:12-30 and Zechariah 14:1-9.
 - a. What is Jesus implying by telling the Jewish leaders he is living water (John 7:37) and the light to the world (John 8:12)?
 - b. How does Jesus validate the claims he makes about his identity?
 - c. What does Jesus say are the two consequences for not believing in Him? What are the blessings for those who do follow Him?
 - d. How can we, as sinful people, truly believe Jesus is God?





3.	Kea	ad John 8:31-47.
	a.	What slavery are the Jews describing, and what freedom is Jesus describing?

b. What sin still controls you? How have you found liberation from other sins?

c. What do you learn about the Devil from Jesus?

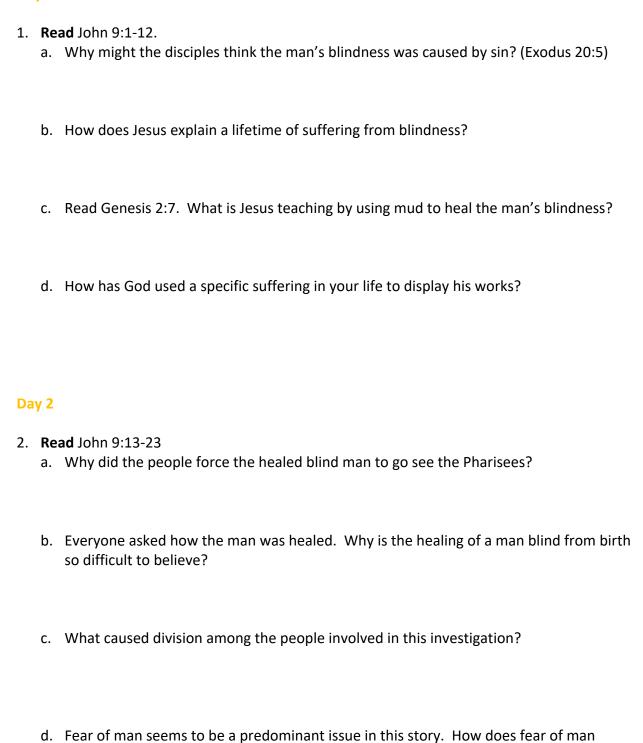
d. What lies from the devil might be impacting your behavior?

- 4. **Read** John 8:48-59.
 - a. What did Jesus mean when he said: "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death"? (John 3:6, 5:24, & 11:25-26)
 - b. How does Jesus respond to each accusation?
 - c. What are the implications of Jesus saying: "before Abraham was born, I am"? (See Exodus 3:14, Leviticus 24:16, & John 10:33)
 - d. How does this portion of scripture bring you comfort when you think about death?





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3. Read John 9:24-34.	
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a.	What blindness	was afflicting	the Pharisees?
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- b. Why did the Pharisees cast out the healed blind man?
- c. What are examples of places we are blind to good things that we should be able to see?
- d. What are the causes of your inability to see good that is right in front of you?

- 4. **Read** John 9:35-41
 - a. How did Jesus respond to the blind man after he was cast out by the Pharisees?
 - b. How can you reconcile John 3:16 and 9:39, did Jesus come to judge or not to judge?
 - c. How are the Pharisees defining blindness?
 - d. What is Jesus defining as the criteria for being accountable for our behavior?
 - e. How should you handle personal accountability as a Christian man?





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a. For this discussion, assume Israel is the flock. How does this lesson connect with the blind man healed in chapter 9?

b. What role does Jesus say he plays in the life of his sheep?

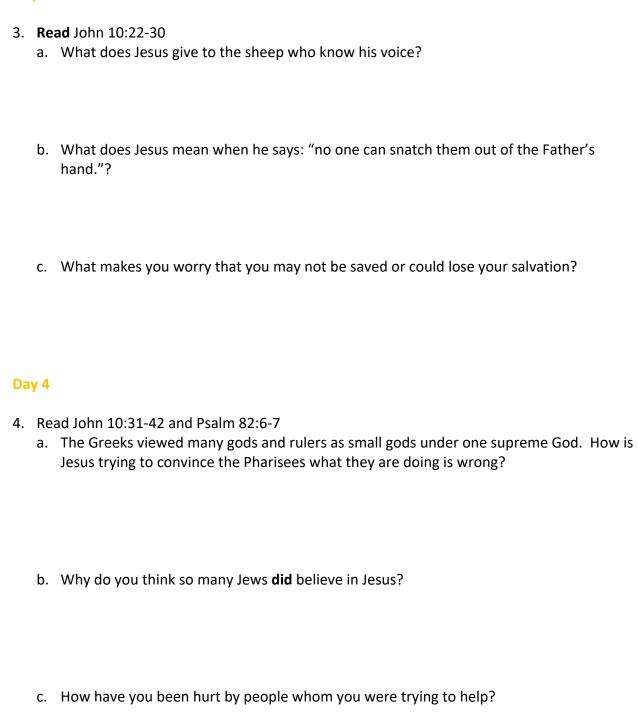
c. Read Ezekiel 34. Who does Jesus imply are the thieves and how are they trying to steal the sheep?

d. What are some examples of spiritual thieves that could hurt you and your family?

- 2. **Read** John 10:11-21 and Psalm 23.
 - a. What are some of the characteristics of sheep that scripture uses as comparison to God's people?
 - b. What are some of the key characteristics of Jesus being the good shepherd?
 - c. How does the intimacy Jesus have with his sheep encourage you?

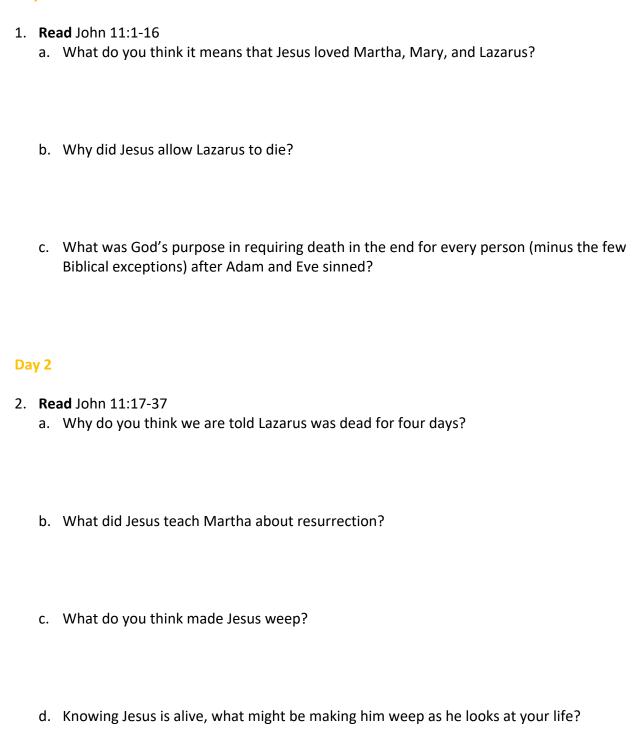














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3.		ad John 11:38-44 Why did Jesus allow Lazarus and his sisters to experience death?
	b.	How does their suffering bring hope to extended and unexplained suffering?
	C.	Why did Jesus tell them to remove the grave clothes?
	d.	What people, behaviors, or emotions from your past do you need help removing that may be keeping you bound up like a dead man?
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4.	Re	ad John 11:45-57 and Matthew 25:31-33
	a.	Read Romans 11:25-26. How does the death of one man keep a whole nation from perishing?

b. How does the resurrection of Lazarus encourage you?





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a. Why do you think Mary used her hair along with expensive perfume to anoint the feet of Jesus?

John 12

- b. How has your relationship with Jesus impacted your generosity with your money, time, or comforts?
- c. While this passage makes it easy to see the greed in Judas, what helps you see the greed in yourself when you are being selfish?

- 2. **Read** John 12:12-19, Luke 19:28-44, and Zechariah 9:9
 - a. What did Jesus communicate to the people and the leaders by riding a donkey into Jerusalem and by allowing people to praise him?
 - b. What do you try to make people think about you when you first enter a room, and how do you attempt to communicate it?
 - c. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus made it clear that the Pharisees missed their opportunity to see the deity of Jesus. Why do you think Jesus set a time frame for those men to be saved?



- 3. Read John 12:20-26
 - a. Why did Jesus respond to the Greeks' request for a meeting by teaching them about dying like a grain of wheat? (1 Cor 15:36-49)
 - b. What could be a source of the loneliness described in this text, and how does Jesus tell you to alleviate it?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 12:27-36 and Hebrews 2:14-18.
 - a. Why was Jesus troubled as he thought about his own death?
 - b. How has the thought of your own death or the death of loved ones affected you?
 - c. How did the death of Jesus destroy the power of the devil and why does that matter to Jesus? (Colossians 2:13-15 and I John 3:8)

- 5. Read John 12:37-50.
 - a. How does your love of the praise of men overshadow your belief in Jesus?





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a.	Of all the things which Jesus could have done before he died, why do you think he chose
	to wash the feet of his disciples?

b.	What are some of the characteristics of serving others that Jesus models for us and that
	Peter cannot understand?

- c. What has made it difficult for you to serve other people?
- d. Who can you serve this week in the same way that Jesus demonstrated in this story?

- 2. Read John 13:21-30
 - a. Why do you think God allowed Satan to co-exist with Jesus, and why does he allow him to co-exist now with the Holy Spirit here on earth?
 - b. What do you think it means that Satan "entered into" Judas?
 - c. How has Satan used you to do his work?







b. Where do you think Jesus went that the disciples could not go?

c. Why did Jesus describe "loving each other" as a new commandment, and why is it so hard to do?

John 13

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4. Read John 13:36-38

a. How do you think Peter was feeling as Jesus told him (after three years of being together) he could not be with Jesus any longer and he would deny him three times?

b. What are some of the ways you deny Jesus (for many men numerous times each day)?





1.	Read	l John	13:36-14:4

a. Why do you think Jesus described his Father's house to his disciples at this point in time? (Joshua 1:6,7,9,18)

b. How is the uncertainty of your future impacting your right now?

c. What are all of the things that you learn from Jesus about his Father's house?

Day 2

2. **Read** John 14:5-14

a. What are all of the ways in which Jesus described himself?

b. What does Jesus require so that people may access the Father and his power?

c. Why does Jesus not answer all of our prayers, which he promised to do whenever we ask in his name? (I John 5:13-15)





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a.	What are all of the ways Jesus promised to help and comfort his disciples after He was
	gone?

b.	What do you need to do to experience the same help and comfort that the disciples
	received?

c. What would make it possible for the Lord to dwell in the hearts and minds of believers?

d. What might make it difficult for God to live in your house today?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 14:25-31
 - a. What do people of this world require in order to be at peace with themselves?

b. What is different about the peace that Jesus promises to believers?

c. How does Jesus expect us to live without fear and anxiety?





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- a. How would you describe Jesus in comparison to the original vineyard described in Isaiah?
- b. What are some of the characteristics of branches that Jesus used to describe his followers?
- c. Read Galatians 5:16-25. How would you describe the fruit that is produced from abiding in Jesus?
- d. What is helping you produce fruit that Jesus would value? What is hindering you from being a productive "branch"?

- 2. **Read** John 15:9-17.
 - a. What is the benchmark for our love for Jesus?
 - b. What are some of Jesus' commands? (Feel free to look outside this text.)
 - c. Why do you think Jesus commands us to love each other (James 4:1-4)? In what ways do we do this?





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a. Look back at John 5:16, 7:19, 7:25, 8:37, 8:59, 9:22, and 11:8. Why did the world hate Jesus?

b. What is the difference between believers loved by the world and those hated by the world?

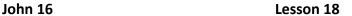
c. Read Galatians 5:16-21 and 1 Peter 4:1-4. What about your lifestyle is attractive to the world? What makes you feel hated or disliked by the world?

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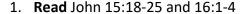
- 4. **Read** John 15:26-16:4
 - a. What is Jesus telling his men to expect when they testify on his behalf?

b. What is Jesus hoping we will do when we are personally challenged as His followers?

c. What are some justifications you might use to avoid being killed for following Jesus?







a. Based on what Jesus described, how could this level of persecution happen to Christians in the United States today? (Please don't use this as an opportunity to position your political views.)

b. November 6th is an *International Day of Prayer* for persecuted Christians hosted by Voice of the Martyrs. Please take a few minutes and do an internet search on global Christian persecution. What did you learn?

- 2. **Read** John 16:5-11
 - a. What was necessary for the Holy Spirit to come?
 - b. Read Ephesians 1:13-14.
 - i. Why does God send the Holy Spirit?
 - ii. How do you think it is possible for God to have his Spirit live inside of us without us becoming God?
 - c. How does the Holy Spirit work through believers to convict the world?
 - d. How can we lead people away from Jesus when we are trying to convict them of their sin?





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a. What exactly does the Holy Spirit give to believers? What are some exam
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b. From this text, how might you know when something has NOT come from the Holy Spirit?

c. What do you think would obstruct or hinder the Holy Spirit working through you?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 16:16-33.
 - a. Jesus said to his disciples, "No one will take away your joy". How have you allowed other people to take away your joy?

b. What is something in your life that brought you deep grief, but then transformed into something that led to great joy?

c. How has Jesus overcome the world and removed your reasons for anxiety or fear?





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a. Whv	' do vo	ou think .	Jesus pra	aved this	praver	in front	of his	disciples?
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b. What are three reasons for which Jesus asked God to glorify him?

c. Why do you think glorifying God is so important to Jesus?

d. How do you think God expects you to glorify Him?

Day 2

- 2. **Read** John 17:6-19
 - a. What were all of the things that the disciples received from God through Jesus?

b. How did Jesus ask God to "keep" his disciples?

c. In what ways are you struggling to live out what Jesus prayed?





3.	Read	Iohn	17:20-26
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a. \	Why (do y	ou/	think .	lesus	pray	/ed	for	unity	/ ?
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b. What should unity look like inside the body of believers? (1 Corinthians 12)

c. How do you see division in the body affecting you and how is it impacting the world?

Day 4

- 4. Read John 17:1-26 as one prayer.
 - a. How would you describe the structure of this prayer?

b. How does this prayer of Jesus demonstrate the power of prayer?

c. Please write a prayer following the structure of this prayer. Please consider sharing it with your group.





 Rea 	ad John 18::	11, Matthev	ı 26:36-56,	, Mark 14:32-42	, and Luke 22:39-53.
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a.	Why	y do y	ou	think	Jesus	broug	th th	ree d	disciples	s to	the	garden	with	him	?
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- b. Why do you think it is important to ask for emotional support when you are in a dark or difficult situation?
- c. Why do you think Jesus asked God three times to have the cup taken away? (Jeremiah 25:15-16)
- d. How do you think falling asleep could have caused the disciples to fall into temptation?
- e. How does your complacency with your faith cause you to fail?

- 2. **Read** John 18:12-26, Matthew 26:57-75, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:66-71
 - a. Why would Roman soldiers take Jesus to the High Priest? Do you think it was Roman or Jewish soldiers who arrested him? (Feel free to research this topic.)
 - b. Why did the Jews not kill Jesus themselves based on Leviticus 24:13-16?
 - c. Why would blaming the Romans for the death of Jesus be important to both ancient and modern Jews?





- 3. **Read** John 18:15-18, 25-27, Matthew 26:69-75, and Luke 22:54-62.
 - a. What are some of the reasons Peter denied Jesus especially after Jesus had warned him that he would?
 - b. What are common ways you deny Jesus sometimes daily?
 - c. What makes it so difficult to stop denying Jesus even after seeing yourself repeat the same behaviors?

- 4. Read John 18:28-40, Matthew 27:11-26, and Luke 22:63-23:25.
 - a. What were all the accusations the Jews placed against Jesus to Pilate?
 - b. Using the internet, please explain why would Pilate want to know if Jesus was a king?
 - c. What did Jesus teach Pilate about his kingship and kingdom, causing Pilate to claim Jesus was innocent?
 - d. Why would Pilate ask "what is truth"?
 - e. What causes you to give in to pressure from people who you want to please?





Day 1

1. Re	ad Jor	ın 19:1-16	and Matt	thew 27	′:11-26.
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a. How would you define "coward"? How does Pilate exemplify cowardice?

b. When do you behave like a coward?

c. Use the internet to study Roman flogging. What did you learn about what happened to Jesus when he was flogged?

- 2. Read John 19:17-27 and Luke 23:26-43.
 - a. Why do you think "King of the Jews" was nailed to the cross above Jesus, and why was it written in three languages?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus handed the care of his mother to John?
 - c. What do you learn about good deeds, baptism, and heaven from the words Jesus spoke to the thief on the cross?
 - d. If Jesus were to speak to you about your life right now, what do you think would cause him the most concern?







3.	Read .	John	19:28-37,	Matthew	27:45-56,	and	Isaiah	53.
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- b. Why do you think God would have Isaiah write about the death of Jesus 300 years before it happened?
- c. Read Leviticus 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22-28. Why would God need Jesus to die a gruesome and bloody death?
- d. How could the blood of Jesus continue to atone for your ongoing sinful behavior?

- 4. Read John 19:38-42 and Matthew 27:57-66.
 - a. What does this story of Joseph teach you about wealthy people?
 - b. Why would two prominent Jewish leaders become unclean and visible to other Jewish leaders to properly bury Jesus according to Jewish law?
 - c. What will it take for Jesus to pull you out of hiding and into serving Him, knowing you may be seen by unbelievers?





 a. Why did Pilate have t 	he tomb secured?
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b. What is the significance of the description of the bu	rıal c	:lotnes
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- c. What exactly did John believe if he still didn't understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead?
- d. Read Romans 10:9 and 1 Cor 15:12-19. Why does Paul believe the resurrection is critical to our salvation?
- e. What causes you to doubt that Jesus was resurrected in his human body from the dead?

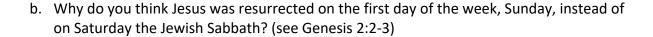
- 2. **Read** John 20:10-18.
 - a. Why do you think God sent angels to intervene at key moments connected to Jesus? (See Luke 1:3-34, 2:8-11, Matthew 1:18-21, 2:13, 2:19-20, and Luke 22:43)
 - b. Why do you think Jesus appeared to Mary first, knowing at that time that the testimony of a woman would be viewed by most men as worthless?
 - c. What is the difference in believing words about Jesus versus loving him so much that you weep when you see Him missing in your life?





3.	Read	Iohn	20:19-23.
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a.	Why would the disciples be hiding behind locked doors if they knew and believed Jesus
	was resurrected?



- c. What do you think our Sunday worship is for: Sabbath rest or resurrection celebration?
- d. Why might Jesus say "peace be with you" when he first sees you?

- 4. **Read** John 20:24-31
 - a. What did Thomas lose by being away from the disciples?
 - b. What do you lose when you try to manage your grief alone?
 - c. What are some of the signs in your life that you too doubt Jesus?
 - d. The disciples moved from fear to faith in Jesus. What fear continues to keep you trapped and living apart from Jesus?





 Read John 	า 21:1-6	and Matthew	28:7-10.
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a. Why do yo	ou think Jesus	sent the	disciples t	.o Gaillee :
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	b.	Read Luke 5:1-11.	Why	did Peter	abandon his	calling to	go back to	fishin	gĺ
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- c. Why do you think Jesus called so many fishermen to be his closest disciples?
- d. When has your failure given God greater access to your life?

- 2. **Read** John 21:7-14
 - a. Why do you think Jesus took care of Peter's physical needs before starting a very intense conversation with him?
 - b. What does this approach teach you about how to help people grow?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus gave them such a huge catch and kept the nets intact?
 - d. How do you think John recognized Jesus while the others struggled with his identity?
 - e. What makes it hard for you to recognize Jesus when He is trying to speak to you?





3.	Read	John	21:15-19.

a. W	/hat was .	Jesus doin	g in	this seq	uence of	questions	and	commands	?
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b. How have you failed and how has that affected your service for Jesus?

c. Why did Peter's job change from being a fisher of men (Luke 5:10) to feeding and shepherding the sheep?

d. Read Psalm 23 and Acts 20:25-35. What are some of the requirements of a good shepherd?

e. Read Ezekiel 34. Why did God condemn the "shepherds" of Israel?

Day 4

- 4. **Read** John 21:20-25.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus told Peter about his death?

b. What was the warning and command that Jesus spoke to Peter?

c. How do you think this warning and command could apply to you?

d. What do you learn from Peter giving up his fishing career for Jesus?