



# The Gospel of John Study

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## Week 5

### Day 1:

**Read: John 6:22-40**

1. Why did the people follow Jesus? Did they want Christ or what they thought Christ could do for them?
  - ⊗ Why do you follow Jesus? Is it to know and love Jesus, or do you want the benefits and blessings of being a Christian more?
2. What if God decides to allow a trial to happen in your life? Would He be enough?
3. What is your commitment to the Lord based on?
  - ⊗ How do we receive the “bread of life”?
    - a. Jesus simply wants our hearts and our worship!

### Day 2:

**Read: John 6:41-59**

1. What do you think it means that God draws people to Himself and no one comes to Him unless He draws you?
2. How does that affect your view of God’s love to know He drew you to himself?
3. How does His drawing give you confidence for your future?
  - ❖ Note: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood” cannot be intended literally, for no one ever did that. As Jesus has done frequently in this Gospel, He is using the example of physical items from the world to teach about spiritual realities. Here, to “eat” Jesus’ flesh has the spiritual meaning of trusting or believing in Him, especially in His death for the sins of mankind. (See also v.35, where Jesus speaks of coming to Him as satisfying “hunger” and believing in Him as satisfying “thirst.”) Similarly, to “drink his blood” means to trust in His atoning death, which is represented by the shedding of His blood. Although Jesus is not speaking specifically about the Lord’s Supper here, there is a parallel theme, because the receiving of eternal life through being united with “the Son of Man” is represented in the Lord’s Supper (where Jesus’ followers symbolically eat His flesh and drink His blood; cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32). This is anticipated in OT feasts (see 1 Corinthians 5:7) and consummated in the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).



- ⊗ Being united with Christ is an “all in” statement. How are you being “all in” with Christ right now?
  - Are there things or ways that you are holding back from God? What are those things? What do you need to do to lay them down and be fully all in with Christ?

### Day 3:

#### **Read John 6:60-71**

1. Why did some of the disciples feel that what Christ said was a “hard saying”?
  - a. What do you think about what Jesus is saying? Is it too hard?
2. V. 63 shows how, through His hard saying, Jesus was actually trying to show the disciples the freedom that comes through believing in Him. “The flesh is no help at all” and to live for our own pride, passions or idols will only bring destruction.
  - a. Why didn’t the twelve leave Jesus? What was the belief that they were clinging to?
  - b. What beliefs do you cling to? What beliefs shape how you see the world and how you function?

### Day 4:

#### **Read John 7:1-13**

1. *“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” ~ C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*
- ⊗ Have you found yourself doubting that Jesus is the Son of God?
  - a. If so, what causes those doubts?
  - b. In order to follow Christ fully, then you must know what you what you believe about Him fully.
- ⊗ What truths about Christ help you settle doubts in your mind about who He is?
  - a. How does settling the doubts help you to walk more faithfully with Christ?



## Day 5:

### *John 7:14-24*

1. The Jews marveled at Jesus' teaching and Jesus makes the statement "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority."
  - a. What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate to us about the relationship between our hearts and God's Word?
    - i. Can you love God and not desire to obey His Word?
  - b. What do your actions show about what you believe right now?
  - c. If you are not being obedient to the Lord according to His Word, then how can your love for God drive you to repent?
    - i. Or, how can God's love for you inform your repentance?

## Day 6:

### *John 7:25-31*

The Jews taught that the Messiah would be a prophet who performed miracles like Moses. It makes sense that the crowd of people here began to wander if Jesus was truly the Messiah.

1. Why are the Jews so reluctant to believe in Jesus? What else could Jesus do to prove He was the Messiah and the Son of God?
2. Sin can blind us and the Jews' pride was blinding them to the reality of what Jesus was showing them. What are some of your sins that can tend to blind you from the reality of who Jesus is?
  - ♥ Who do you have in your life that can act as a mirror to protect you from spiritual blindness? (Proverbs 27:17)
3. Who are you completely vulnerable with? (Note: Make sure they walk with God and love Jesus, so they are pointing you to Christ and not giving worldly advice.)
4. Who do you act as a mirror for? Who do you encourage in their faith?