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The Word Became Flesh - John 1:1-18

Topics: Believe, Believers, Creation, Darkness, Glory, Grace, Jesus Christ, Law, Spiritual Rebirth

Open It

- 1. What are some of the slang expressions you used growing up?
- * 2. In what ways are words different from visual images?

Explore It

- 3. Who is the Word? (1:1)
- * 4. What is the relationship between the Word and God? (1:1-2)
 - 5. What was the Word's role in creation? (1:3)
 - 6. How is the "life" the light of men? (1:4)
 - 7. What was John's role in relation to the light? (1:6)
 - 8. How did the light give light to every person? (1:9)
 - 9. Why didn't the world recognize the light? (1:10)
- * 10. What is the benefit of receiving or believing in the Word? (1:12)
- * 11. How and why did the Word make His dwelling among us? (1:14)
 - 12. Whose glory did the Word reveal? (1:14)
 - 13. What did God give us through Moses? (1:17)
 - 14. What did God give us through Jesus? (1:18)
 - 15. Why is it significant that no one has seen God but "God the One and Only"? (1:18)

Get It

- 16. Why did the Word become flesh and live among us?
- * 17. How does a person receive the Word?
 - 18. What happens when we receive or believe in the Word?
 - 19. In what way can you receive or welcome Christ into your life?
- * 20. What insights can you gain from seeing Jesus as God's Word?
 - 21. How should being a child of God affect our lives?
 - 22. In what way is John an example for us to follow?
 - 23. How did Jesus reveal God's glory to us?

- 24. What do you need to do to be certain of your relationship with God?
- * 25. What will you do this week to better enjoy your status as a child of God?
 - 26. How should the reality that God became a man affect your life today?

John the Baptist Denies Being the Christ - John 1:19-28

Topics: Attitude, Believers, Humility, Integrity, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Witnessing

Open It

- 1. Why do people enjoy boasting about themselves and their accomplishments?
- 2. Why is it hard to be humble?
- * 3. What are the characteristics of a humble person?

Explore It

- 4. What did the Jews want to know? (1:19)
- 5. Who did the Jews think John was? (1:20-21)
- * 6. What did John say about who he was? (1:20-22)
 - 7. In what way was John a "voice of one calling in the desert"? (1:23)
 - 8. What does the phrase "make straight the way for the Lord" mean? (1:23)
- * 9. How did John "make straight the way for the Lord"? (1:23)
 - 10. Why did the Pharisees care that John was baptizing people? (1:24)
 - 11. What did John say he was not worthy to do? (1:27)
- * 12. Who did John say was coming after him? (12:27)
 - 13. Where did these events take place? (1:28)

Get It

- * 14. In what ways can you honor Christ with your accomplishments?
 - 15. How can we point others to Christ?
 - 16. In what situations is it difficult for you to be humble?
- * 17. If you had been John how would you have felt about your role?
 - 18. In what ways is your life like John's?
 - 19. What special or unique means has God given you to share His Word?

- 20. In what way can you be a voice for Jesus?
- * 21. What are some areas in which you struggle to be humble at this time in your life?
 - 22. In what specific ways can you point others to Christ this week?

Jesus the Lamb of God - John 1:29-34

Topics: Forgiveness, History, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Name, Security, Sin, World

Open It

- 1. What function do initiation rites serve in a club or society?
- * 2. What can you infer about someone from his or her title (such as Doctor, Professor, or Prince)?

Explore It

- * 3. Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? (1:29)
 - 4. What are the sins of the world? (1:29)
 - 5. What does Jesus do with the sins of the world? (1:29)
- * 6. What did John mean that Jesus surpassed him because He was before him? (1:30)
 - 7. How was Jesus before John? (1:30)
 - 8. Why did John say he didn't know who Jesus was? (1:31)
 - 9. What reason did John give for baptizing Jesus? (1:31)
 - 10. Why did John come to baptize people? (1:31)
 - 11. What creature represented the Spirit of God? (1:32)
 - 12. Why did the Spirit come down upon Jesus? (1:33)
 - 13. With what did John baptize? (1:31, 33)
 - 14. With what will Jesus baptize? (1:33)
- * 15. What title did John ascribe to the person he baptized? (1:34)

Get It

- 16. What sin of yours has Jesus taken away?
- * 17. How do we receive the forgiveness that Christ bought for us?
 - 18. In what way do you share Jesus' identity as a child of God?
 - 19. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?
- * 20. How does Jesus baptize us?

- * 21. How can you honor Jesus' Sonship with your life this week?
 - 22. What steps can you take to appreciate better who Jesus is?
 - 23. In what way can you reveal Christ to others this week?

Jesus' First Disciples - John 1:35-42

Topics: Follow, Humility, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Name, Priorities, Witnessing

Open It

- 1. What gets you excited or enthusiastic?
- * 2. How would you feel if a good friend abandoned your friendship in favor of someone else?
 - 3. What nicknames have you had over the years?

Explore It

- 4. Who besides Jesus had disciples? (1:35)
- 5. What did John say when he saw Jesus? (1:36)
- 6. How did John identify Jesus for his disciples? (1:37)
- * 7. What did John's disciples do when John identified Jesus? (1:37)
 - 8. What did Jesus ask John's disciples? (1:38)
 - 9. What did John's disciples call Jesus? (1:38)
 - 10. What did John's disciples ask Jesus? (1:38)
- * 11. What was the first thing Andrew did after he had followed Jesus? (1:40)
 - 12. Who was Andrew's brother? (1:40)
- * 13. What did Andrew tell his brother about Jesus? (1:41)
 - 14. What nickname did Jesus give to Simon? (1:42)
 - 15. What words did the author interpret for us? (1:37, 41, 42)

Get It

- * 16. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
 - 17. What hinders us from following Jesus?
- * 18. What must we leave to follow Jesus?
 - 19. To what friends and relatives could you introduce Jesus?
 - 20. How can we spend time with Jesus to get to know Him better?

- 21. Whom do you want to introduce to Jesus this week?
- 22. How could you introduce Christ to a friend or relative?
- * 23. What change in your daily routine would enable you to follow Jesus better?

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael - John 1:43-51

Topics: Angels, Believe, Follow, God, Goodness, Heaven, Jesus Christ, Name, Surprises

Open It

- 1. How do people feel when they find something that's been missing for a for long time?
- 2. What famous people would you like to meet? Why?
- * 3. About what things are people today skeptical?

Explore It

- 4. How did Jesus and Philip meet? (1:43)
- 5. What did Jesus say to Philip? (1:43)
- * 6. How did Philip respond to Jesus' invitation? (1:44-46)
 - 7. What did Philip do after he followed Jesus? (1:45)
 - 8. What did Philip tell Nathanael about Jesus? (1:45)
- * 9. Why was Nathanael skeptical that Philip had found the Messiah? (1:46)
 - 10. How did Nathanael respond to the fact that Jesus was from Nazareth? (1:46)
 - 11. What did Jesus say when he saw Nathanael? (1:47)
- * 12. What convinced Nathanael that Jesus was the Son of God? (1:47-50)
 - 13. What was Nathanael's response to Jesus' greeting? (1:48)
 - 14. Why was Nathanael surprised? (1:48)
 - 15. Why did Nathanael call Jesus the Son of God and the King of Israel? (1:48-49)
 - 16. What were the greater things to which Jesus referred? (1:50)
 - 17. What did Jesus tell Nathanael he would see? (1:51)
 - 18. Who is the Son of Man? (1:51)

Get It

- 19. What about Christ stirs skepticism today?
- * 20. What stereotypes about Christ prevent people from trusting Him today?
 - 21. What convinced you that Jesus was the Son of God?
- * 22. What makes Jesus qualified to rule our lives?
 - 23. How is Jesus the King of your life?
 - 24. What do you have in common with Jesus?
 - 25. How can Jesus' identity as the Son of God inspire your confidence in Him?

- 26. How will you show your trust in the God who knows all about you this week?
- * 27. How would you share your faith with a skeptical person this week?
 - 28. In what way will you recognize Jesus as the ruler of your life today?

Jesus Changes Water to Wine - John 2:1-11

Topics: Assurance, Change, Confidence, Faith, Glory, Jesus Christ, Miracles, New Life, Spiritual Rebirth

Open It

- 1. Why are people interested in miraculous or supernatural events?
- * 2. What makes an event miraculous or supernatural?
 - 3. What supernatural or miraculous events have you witnessed?

Explore It

- 4. Where did the wedding take place? (2:1)
- 5. Who was at the wedding? (2:1-2)
- 6. What did Jesus' mother say to Him? (2:3)
- * 7. What was Jesus' response to His mother? (2:4)
 - 8. How did Jesus' mother respond to His reply? (2:5)
 - 9. What were the water jars used for? (2:6)
 - 10. What did Jesus tell the servants to do? (2:7)
 - 11. To whom did the servants take the water? (2:8)
 - 12. What happened to the water? (2:9)
- * 13. What was the banquet master's response? (2:10)
- * 14. Why did Jesus perform this miracle? (2:11)
 - 15. How did Jesus' disciples respond to this miracle? (2:11)

Get It

- 16. How have you had faith in Jesus' power this week?
- * 17. What is something you would like Jesus to change in your life?
- * 18. What recent miracle has Jesus done in your life?
 - 19. How does Jesus reveal His glory to us today?
 - 20. In what ways has Jesus transformed you into a new person?
 - 21. How has Jesus given you a new life?
 - 22. What things has Jesus done that have caused you to have faith in Him?

- * 23. What is one specific habit or characteristic you will ask God to change in your life this week?
 - 24. How will you enjoy today the new life Jesus has given you?

Jesus Clears the Temple - John 2:12-25

Topics: Attitude, Authority, Believe, Church, Compromise, Faith, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Money, Resurrection, Zeal

Open It

- 1. How do you feel after a much-needed bath or shower?
- * 2. Why do we put off necessary cleaning (such as the bedroom, car, or garage)?

Explore It

- 3. With whom did Jesus go to Capernaum? (2:12)
- 4. What time was it when Jesus went to Jerusalem? (2:13)
- * 5. What did Jesus find in the temple courts? (2:14)
 - 6. What did Jesus do in the temple courts? (2:15)
- * 7. How did Jesus respond to those who were selling doves? (2:16)
- * 8. What did Jesus' disciples remember? (2:17)
 - 9. What did the Jews demand from Jesus? (2:18)
 - 10. How did Jesus respond to the demand from the Jews? (2:19)
 - 11. What temple did the Jews think Jesus was talking about? (2:20)
 - 12. What temple was Jesus talking about? (2:21)
 - 13. When did the disciples remember what Jesus had said? (2:22)
 - 14. How did the people respond to Jesus' miracles? (2:23)
 - 15. What was Jesus' response to those who believed in Him? (2:24-25)

Get It

- * 16. How has Jesus cleansed our lives?
 - 17. What does Jesus still need to clear out of our lives?
 - 18. What do we demand from Jesus?
- * 19. How do we attempt to use the church to our own advantage?
 - 20. In what ways do people accuse the church or believers of being corrupt or hypocritical?
 - 21. What sign has Jesus given us to believe in?
 - 22. Why is it sometimes hard to recognize how God is working in our lives?

- * 23. What will you ask Jesus to clear out of your life this week?
 - 24. What demanding attitude do you need to change today?

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus - John 3:1-21

Topics: Assurance, Basics of the Faith, Believe, Darkness, Eternal Life, Faith, Gifts, God, Gospel, Heaven, Humility, Jesus Christ, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Love, New Life, Salvation, Unbelievers, Understanding, World

Open It

- * 1. When have you felt like you wanted to start life all over again?
 - 2. Why do people like to get new things (such as clothes, cars, or gadgets)?
 - 3. What is the best gift you have ever received?

Explore It

- 4. To what group did Nicodemus belong? (3:1)
- 5. At what time did Nicodemus visit Jesus? (3:2)
- 6. Why did Nicodemus believe Jesus was from God? (3:2)
- 7. What is the qualification for seeing the kingdom of God? (3:3)
- 8. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant when He said that a person must be born again? (3:4)
- * 9. What is required to enter the kingdom of God? (3:5-6)
 - 10. How did Jesus compare the wind to the Spirit? (3:8)
 - 11. Why should Nicodemus have understood what Jesus said? (3:10)
 - 12. About what category of things did Jesus say He was talking? (3:12)
 - 13. Who did Jesus say had gone to heaven? (3:13)
 - 14. How did Jesus compare Moses' snake with the Son of Man? (3:14)
- * 15. What is the result of believing in the Son of Man? (3:15, 18)
 - 16. How did God demonstrate His love for the world? (3:16)
- * 17. Why did God send His Son into the world? (3:17)
 - 18. How does the person who lives by truth respond to the light? (3:19-21)

Get It

- 19. When would you say you were born again?
- * 20. How would you describe what it means to be born again to someone?
 - 21. What were some of the circumstances that led you to Jesus?
 - 22. What were some of the things that caused you to believe that Jesus is the Son of God?
 - 23. Why are spiritual truths often hard to understand?
 - 24. What are a few spiritual truths that you struggle to understand?
- * 25. How does God's gift of His Son affect our lives?
 - 26. How can a person live by the light?

- 27. How will you change your daily routine to better appreciate and enjoy God's gift of His Son?
- * 28. For what specific spiritual truths will you seek answers this week?

John the Baptist's Testimony About Jesus - John 3:22-36

Topics: Assurance, Believe, Character, Earth, Eternal Life, Example, Faith, Gifts, God, Gospel, Heaven, Jealousy, Jesus Christ, Joy, Popularity, Rejection, Unbelievers

Open It

- 1. How would you feel if a friend received more recognition than you for something you both did?
- * 2. What makes someone's testimony about an event seem either credible or incredible?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus do with His disciples in the Judean countryside? (3:22)
- 4. What was John doing at Aenon? (3:23)
- 5. What eventually happened to John? (3:24)
- 6. What took place between John's disciples and some Jews? (3:25)
- 7. What news did John receive? (3:26)
- 8. What did John say a person can receive? (3:27)
- * 9. Who did John say he was, as well as who he wasn't? (3:28)
 - 10. How did John describe his feelings about Jesus becoming more important than him? (3:29)
 - 11. What did John say about his future status? (3:30)
- * 12. What did John say about Jesus' future status? (3:30)
 - 13. Who is above all? (3:31)
 - 14. What did Jesus come to say? (3:32)
- * 15. What did the people do who accepted Jesus' testimony? (3:33)
 - 16. What did the person whom God sent do? (3:34)
 - 17. What has the Father done for the Son? (3:35)
 - 18. What is the result of either believing or rejecting the Son? (3:36)

Get It

- 19. In what way do people only receive what is given to them from God?
- * 20. Why is it sometimes hard to give God credit?
 - 21. How are we like John?
 - 22. What are some areas in which you struggle with being humble?
- * 23. How can we certify that God is truthful in our lives?
 - 24. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
 - 25. How does a person reject the Son?
 - 26. What are the consequences of rejecting the Son?

- * 27. How can you give Jesus the place of prominence He deserves in your life today?
 - 28. What can you do this week to show that God is truthful in your life?
 - 29. In what area of your life will you ask God to help you to be more humble?

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman - John 4:1-26

Topics: Evangelism, Gifts, God, Good News, Immorality, Jesus Christ, Judging Others, Marriage, Messiah, Morality, New Life, Prejudice, Salvation, Satisfaction, Spiritual Rebirth, Status, Traditions, Witnessing, Worship

Open It

- * 1. How do people satisfy their hungers and thirsts in life?
 - 2. Why are the messages in TV commercials so appealing and persuasive?
 - 3. In what ways are people you know prejudiced?

Explore It

- 4. What had the Pharisees heard about Jesus? (4:1)
- 5. What did Jesus do when he heard what the Pharisees were saying about Him? (4:3)
- 6. Through what place did Jesus have to travel? (4:4-5)
- * 7. Why did Jesus sit down by Jacob's well? (4:6)
 - 8. What did Jesus say to the Samaritan woman? (4:7)
 - 9. Where were Jesus' disciples? (4:8)
 - 10. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? (4:9)
 - 11. How did Jesus answer the Samaritan woman's question? (4:10)
 - 12. What did the Samaritan woman think Jesus was talking about? (4:11-12,15)
- * 13. What did Jesus say would be the result of drinking the water He offered? (4:13-14)
 - 14. Whom did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman to go and get? (4:15)
 - 15. How did Jesus respond to the Samaritan woman's answer to His request? (4:17-18)
 - 16. How did the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus' statements about her situation? (4:19-20)
- * 17. How did Jesus say people would worship God? (4:21-23)
 - 18. What kind of worshipers does God seek? (4:23)
 - 19. What did Jesus say about God? (4:24)
 - 20. Who did Jesus say He was? (4:25-26)

Get It

- 21. What groups of people do you feel uncomfortable being around? Why?
- 22. How might a person feel put off by another's background, nationality, or race?
- 23. How can prejudice affect a Christian's witness?
- * 24. How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to receive His living water?
 - 25. How is Jesus' gift of salvation different from what the world offers?
- * 26. How is the world's need for salvation and eternal life like thirst?
 - 27. In what other ways besides thirst might you describe eternal life?
 - 28. How can we worship God in spirit and in truth?

- * 29. How can you encourage others to quench their spiritual thirst this week?
 - 30. What are some prejudices you will ask God to help you overcome?

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus - John 4:27-38

Topics: Discipline, Eternal Life, Evangelism, Jesus Christ, Judging Others, Messiah, Prejudice, Tasks, Witnessing, Work

Open It

- * 1. What must a farmer do in order to enjoy an abundant harvest?
 - 2. When have you ever been so consumed with a task that you forgot to eat?

Explore It

- 3. How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman? (4:27)
- 4. What did the Samaritan woman do after she had spoken to Jesus? (4:28)
- 5. What did the Samaritan woman tell the townspeople? (4:29)
- 6. How did the townspeople respond to what the Samaritan woman said? (4:30)
- 7. What did the disciples urge Jesus to do? (4:31)
- * 8. What did Jesus tell the disciples? (4:32)
 - 9. How did the disciples respond to what Jesus told them about food? (4:33)
- * 10. What did Jesus say was His food? (4:34)
 - 11. What did Jesus say about the fields? (4:35)
- * 12. What kind of crop did Jesus say "the reaper" was harvesting? (4:36)
 - 13. What did Jesus send the disciples to do? (4:38)

Get It

- 14. What barriers keep us from talking to other people about Christ?
- 15. How does spending time talking to Jesus affect your life?
- * 16. What tasks in life tend to consume your attention?
 - 17. What are some of the sayings of Jesus that surprise you?
 - 18. In what way has God surprised you by what He's done in your life?
 - 19. What unique work has God given you to do?
- * 20. How would you describe today the fields Jesus described to His disciples?
 - 21. What role can you play in the reaping and harvesting of lives for Christ?

- 22. What obstacle will you ask God to remove so you can help bring someone to Christ?
- * 23. In what way can you be involved in reaping and harvesting for God's kingdom today?

Many Samaritans Believe - John 4:39-42

Topics: Beliefs, Believe, Convictions, Evangelism, Evidence, Faith, Jesus Christ, Knowledge, Salvation, Witnessing

Open It

- 1. What people have had the biggest influence on your life?
- * 2. What are some things that we have believed based on someone else's testimony?
 - 3. What are some things that we can trust in because of our own personal experience?

Explore It

- * 4. What impact did the Samaritan woman's testimony have on the townspeople? (4:39)
 - 5. What did the woman tell the Samaritan people Jesus told her? (4:39)
 - 6. What did the Samaritans urge Jesus to do? (4:40)
 - 7. What did Jesus do in response to the Samaritan's request? (4:40)
- * 8. What did Jesus rely on to convince more people to believe in Him? (4:41)
 - 9. What impact did Jesus' words have on the Samaritan people? (4:41)
 - 10. Why did the Samaritan people originally believe in Jesus? (4:42)
 - 11. What new basis did the Samaritans have for their belief in Jesus? (4:42)
 - 12. What difference did hearing Jesus for themselves make to the Samaritans? (4:42)
- * 13. What did the Samaritan people believe about Jesus? (4:42)

Get It

- 14. What impact does your testimony have on other people?
- * 15. What impact have other people's testimonies had on your life?
 - 16. Who do most people think Jesus is and what is the basis for their belief?
 - 17. Who do you think Jesus is? Why?
- * 18. What led you to believe in Jesus?
 - 19. What people were influential in leading you to believe in Jesus?
 - 20. How has believing in Jesus changed your life?

- 21. Whom can you tell about Jesus? When?
- * 22. In what ways could you be a better testimony for Jesus today?
 - 23. What can you do to help clear up other people's misconceptions about who Jesus is?

Jesus Heals the Official's Son - John 4:43-54

Topics: Attitude, Believe, Convictions, Courage, Determination, Faith, Healing, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Motives, Sickness, Trust

Open It

- * 1. What are some things that people believe in that they either haven't seen or can't see?
 - 2. What celebrity would you gladly welcome as a guest in your home? Why?

Explore It

- 3. Where did Jesus go after He left Samaria? (4:43)
- 4. What did Jesus say about prophets? (4:44)
- 5. Why did the Galileans welcome Jesus? (4:45)
- 6. What had Jesus done in Cana? (4:46)
- 7. What did the royal official ask Jesus to do? (4:47)
- * 8. What did Jesus say about miraculous signs? (4:48)
 - 9. How did the royal official respond to Jesus' comment about miraculous signs? (4:49)
- * 10. What did Jesus say in response to the royal official's renewed request? (4:50)
 - 11. What was the royal official's response to what Jesus said? (4:50)
 - 12. When did the royal official's son get better? (4:51-53)
- * 13. What impact did Jesus' healing have on the royal official's household? (4:53)
 - 14. How many miracles had Jesus performed? (4:54)

Get It

- 15. For what reasons are people interested in Jesus today?
- 16. In what ways are we typically more interested in what Jesus can do for us than what we can do for Jesus?
- 17. What miracles have you asked Jesus to do in your life?
- * 18. When do we usually find ourselves asking God to help us?
 - 19. Why is it sometimes hard to take Jesus at His word?
 - 20. What are some things God has told us in His Word that are hard for you to believe?
 - 21. How have you exercised believing—sight unseen—faith in Jesus?
 - 22. What miraculous signs are people looking for today?
 - 23. In what ways are we demanding of God in our relationship with Him?
- * 24. What impact would a miraculous event have in your life?
 - 25. What are some miracles God has worked in your life?

- * 26. What is something specific you can thank God for doing in your life?
 - 27. How do you need to trust in God this week to handle a situation you can't control or work out on your own?

The Healing at the Pool - John 5:1-15

Topics: Attitude, Church, Depend, Healing, Jesus Christ, Law, Legalism, Miracles, New Life, Religion, Sin, Trust

Open It

- * 1. Why might someone prefer rules and regulations to freedom?
 - 2. In what way are relationships more important than rules and regulations?

Explore It

- 3. For what event did Jesus go to Jerusalem? (5:1)
- 4. Who came to the pool near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem? (5:2-3)
- 5. How long had the one invalid man been at the pool? (5:5)
- * 6. What did Jesus ask the invalid man? (5:6)
 - 7. How did the invalid man respond to Jesus' question? (5:7)
 - 8. What did Jesus command the invalid man to do? (5:8)
 - 9. What happened to the invalid man after Jesus spoke to him? (5:9)
 - 10. On what day of the week did this miracle take place? (5:9)
- * 11. What did the Jews say to the healed man? Why? (5:10)
 - 12. How did the healed man respond to the Jews' question? (5:11)
 - 13. What did the Jews ask the healed man? (5:12)
 - 14. Why didn't the man know who healed him? (5:13)
- * 15. What did Jesus tell the man he had healed on their second encounter? (5:14)
 - 16. What did the healed man do after he spoke with Jesus a second time? (5:15)

Get It

- 17. In what way do you think life is unfair?
- 18. When have you felt as if life has dealt you a bad hand?
- 19. When have you felt that God was waiting too long to do something you'd trusted Him to do?
- 20. When do we tend to get impatient with God's timing in our lives?
- 21. On what in life, other than God, do we sometimes depend?
- 22. Why do we attempt to take matters into our own hands, rather than trust God to work them out?
- * 23. When has someone tried to squelch your freedom in Christ with religious rules or regulations?
- * 24. Why do some people care more about keeping certain "religious" rules than they do about developing a meaningful relationship with Jesus?
 - 25. What rules tend to interfere with your enjoyment of your relationship with Christ?
 - 26. In what way has Jesus made you well?

- 27. What is something you need to trust God with today?
- 28. Who is someone you can encourage to enjoy his or her relationship with Christ this week?
- * 29. What "religious" rule that hinders your relationship with Christ will you make secondary to that relationship this week?

Life Through the Son - John 5:16-30

Topics: Assurance, Believe, Enemies, Eternal Life, Faith, God, Jesus Christ, Judgment, New Life, Parents, Persecution, Salvation, Security

Open It

- 1. What different groups of people have suffered persecution throughout history?
- * 2. What are some of the positive aspects of your relationship with your parents?

Explore It

- 3. Why did the Jews persecute Jesus? (5:16)
- 4. Whose work did Jesus do? (5:17)
- 5. Why did certain Jews want to kill Jesus? (5:18)
- * 6. What did Jesus say that the Son could do? (5:19)
 - 7. What did Jesus tell the Jews that He would show them? (5:20)
 - 8. What did Jesus say He was able to do? (5:21)
 - 9. To whom did God entrust all judgment? (5:22)
- * 10. Why did God entrust judgment to Christ? (5:23)
 - 11. How did Jesus say a person can gain eternal life? (5:24)
 - 12. What time did Jesus say had already come? (5:25)
- * 13. What did Jesus say the Father has in Himself that He has granted to the Son? (5:26)
 - 14. What time did Jesus say was coming? (5:28-29)
 - 15. Whom did Jesus say He desires to please? (5:30)

Get It

- 16. In what way does the world persecute Christians today?
- 17. How have you been persecuted as a believer?
- 18. When have you experienced pressure not to practice or share your faith in Christ?
- 19. Why does the world persecute Christians?
- * 20. How can we honor the Son and the Father with our lives?
 - 21. How can we know for sure that we have eternal life?
- * 22. Why should we feel secure in our relationship with God?
 - 23. How should we prepare ourselves for Jesus' judgment?
 - 24. In what way are we like Jesus with respect to our relationship with God the Father?
 - 25. In what way is Jesus an example for us to follow?

- * 26. What steps can you take this week to enjoy more fully your relationship with your Heavenly Father?
 - 27. What can you do today to bring honor to God?
 - 28. How will you allow Jesus' example in this passage of Scripture to influence your life this week?

Testimonies About Jesus - John 5:31-47

Topics: Assurance, Authority, Believe, Bible, Church, Eternal Life, God, Jesus Christ, Legalism, Life, Light, Popularity, Praise

Open It

- 1. What motivates people to want to be famous, rich, successful, or powerful?
- * 2. What makes someone's testimony valid or invalid?
 - 3. How can the details sometimes prevent us from seeing the big picture?

Explore It

- * 4. Whose testimony did Jesus say was valid? (5:31-32)
 - 5. What did Jesus say John did? (5:33)
 - 6. Why did Jesus mention John's testimony? (5:34)
 - 7. What did Jesus say John was? (5:35)
- * 8. What did Jesus say testified to the fact that the Father had sent Him? (5:36)
 - 9. Who else did Jesus say testified about Him? (5:37)
- * 10. Why did the Jews study the Scriptures? (5:39)
 - 11. What was the result of all the Jews' study of the Scriptures? (5:40)
 - 12. What did Jesus' audience not have in their hearts? (5:42)
 - 13. Whose praise did the Jews neglect to seek? (5:43-44)
 - 14. Who was the Jews' accuser? (5:45)
 - 15. About whom did Moses write? (5:46)
 - 16. What effect should Moses' writings have had on the Jews? (5:46-47)

Get It

- * 17. How is your life like a lamp pointing others to Jesus?
 - 18. Why do you believe in Jesus?
 - 19. On what authority can we rest our belief in Jesus?
- * 20. How could someone study the Scriptures and still not believe in Jesus?
 - 21. From whom do you seek praise and recognition?
 - 22. In what do you find your significance and security in life?
 - 23. In what way might the church sometimes prevent people from seeing and believing in Jesus?
 - 24. What should we do to gain the praise of God?

- * 25. Starting today, how can you seek greater recognition for God's ways?
 - 26. How can you make your study of Scripture more Christ-centered this week?
 - 27. What step can you take to become a brighter lamp pointing to Jesus?

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand - John 6:1-15

Topics: Appreciation, Expectations, Faith, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Motives, Needs, Testing, Thankfulness

Open It

- * 1. What is the most difficult situation in which you have ever found yourself?
 - 2. In what exciting events have you recently participated? What made them exciting?

Explore It

- 3. Where did Jesus go? (6:1)
- 4. Why did the crowd of people follow Jesus? (6:2)
- 5. Where did Jesus and His disciples go? (6:3)
- 6. What Jewish feast was near? (6:4)
- * 7. What question did Jesus ask Philip? (6:5)
 - 8. Why did Jesus ask Philip a question? (6:6)
 - 9. How did Philip respond to Jesus' question? (6:7)
 - 10. Who was Andrew? (6:8)
 - 11. What role did Andrew play in feeding the five thousand? (6:8-9)
 - 12. What solution did Andrew propose to Jesus' question? (6:8-9)
- * 13. What miracle did Jesus perform? (6:10-11)
 - 14. How much bread was left over? (6:12-13)
- * 15. How did the crowd of people respond to Jesus' miracle? (6:14)
 - 16. What did the crowd of people intend to do? (6:15)
 - 17. What was Jesus' reaction to the crowd's intention? (6:15)

Get It

- 18. For what reasons do people follow Jesus today?
- 19. What makes you want to follow Jesus?
- 20. What is your typical reaction to situations that seem to present no readily available solution?
- * 21. With what situations in life do you have a difficult time trusting God?
 - 22. What does God provide for us on a daily basis?
 - 23. In what ways do people attempt to use Jesus or His name inappropriately?
 - 24. What misconceptions have you had about Jesus or His role in your life?
- * 25. How and when has God miraculously provided for your needs?
 - 26. How can we trust God with our needs?

- 27. What things do you need to thank God for providing?
- * 28. What tough situation do you need to trust God to work out in your life this week?

Jesus Walks on the Water - John 6:16-24

Topics: Circumstances, Fear, Insecurity, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Nature, People, Power, Sovereignty

Open It

- * 1. What is the most frightening situation you have ever experienced?
 - 2. What is something you feared as a child?
 - 3. What is something you have diligently pursued in life?

Explore It

- 4. Where did Jesus' disciples go? (6:16)
- 5. Who hadn't joined the disciples yet? (6:17)
- 6. What happened to the water? (6:18)
- * 7. What miraculous feat did Jesus perform? (6:19)
- * 8. How did the disciples react to what they saw? (6:19)
 - 9. What did Jesus do to calm His disciples' fear? (6:20)
- * 10. What miraculous event took place once Jesus entered the boat? (6:21)
 - 11. Where was the crowd? (6:22)
 - 12. What did the crowd realize? (6:22)
 - 13. What did the crowd do when they realized that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there? (6:24)

Get It

- 14. When and why have you ever been afraid for your life or personal safety?
- * 15. When do you feel alone and in need of God's presence?
 - 16. When do you tend to leave Jesus behind and out of the picture in your life?
- * 17. What fears has Jesus calmed in your life?
 - 18. Under what circumstances are you often unwilling to allow Jesus to enter your problems or troubling situations?
 - 19. What circumstances or events have caused you to search for Jesus?

- * 20. How will you depend on God the next time a threatening situation confronts you?
 - 21. What specific fears do you need to ask God to calm in your life?

Jesus the Bread of Life - John 6:25-59

Topics: Acceptance, Assurance, Attitude, Believe, Depend, Eternal Life, Faith, God, Gospel, Heaven, Insecurity, Jesus Christ, Lord's Supper, Love, New Life, Promises, Salvation, Security, Self-esteem, Value

Open It

- 1. What kind of bread do you like most?
- * 2. How do people attempt to satisfy their need to feel secure and significant in life?
 - 3. What needs do you spend the majority of your time trying to satisfy?

Explore It

- * 4. Why did the crowd seek Jesus? (6:26)
 - 5. What did Jesus say the Son of Man would give to these people? (6:27)
 - 6. What did Jesus say was the work of God? (6:28-29)
 - 7. What did the crowd ask Jesus to do? (6:30-31)
 - 8. Who did Jesus say was the true bread of life? (6:32-33)
- * 9. What did Jesus say would be the result of coming to Him? (6:35)
 - 10. What did Jesus say He would never do to those who came to Him? (6:37)
 - 11. Why did Jesus come down from heaven? (6:38)
 - 12. What did Jesus say is the Father's will? (6:39-40)
 - 13. Why did the Jews begin to grumble? (6:41-42)
 - 14. Who did Jesus say could come to Him? (6:43-44)
 - 15. What did Jesus say would be the result of believing? (6:47)
- * 16. What contrast does Jesus make between manna and the bread of life? (6:48-51, 58)
 - 17. What did Jesus say about His flesh and His blood? (6:53-57)

Get It

- * 18. What things do we seek from Jesus?
 - 19. In what ways do you have a demanding attitude toward God?
 - 20. When and why did you come to Jesus?
- * 21. In what way has Jesus satisfied your hunger and thirst for acceptance and meaning in life?
 - 22. In what ways do you still feel empty?
 - 23. What situations cause you to feel insecure?
 - 24. When do you feel secure in your relationship with God? Why?
 - 25. How has the Christian life turned out to be different from what you expected?
 - 26. In what way is Jesus an example for us to follow?

- * 27. What can you do today to rely on God, rather than on things or people, to satisfy your needs?
 - 28. What demanding attitudes do you need to ask God to help you change?

Many Disciples Desert Jesus - John 6:60-71

Topics: Abandon, Believe, Confusion, Decisions, Doubt, Eternal Life, Hardheartedness, Jesus Christ, People, Questions, Rejection, Satan, Security, Understanding

Open It

- * 1. What is something that you enthusiastically started but were later tempted to quit?
 - 2. For what causes have people willingly suffered and even died?

Explore It

- * 3. How did many of Jesus' disciples respond to His teaching? (6:60)
 - 4. What did Jesus ask the grumbling disciples? (6:31)
 - 5. What kind of words did Jesus speak to His audience? (6:63)
- * 6. What did Jesus know? (6:64)
 - 7. Who did Jesus say could come to Him? (6:65)
 - 8. What did many of Jesus' disciples do after Jesus spoke these words? (6:66)
 - 9. What question did Jesus ask His twelve disciples? (6:67)
- * 10. What was Peter's reply to Jesus' question? (6:68-69)
 - 11. What did Jesus say about His disciples? (6:70)
 - 12. Whom did Jesus call a devil? (6:71)

Get It

- * 13. What teachings of Jesus have you found difficult to understand or accept?
 - 14. What makes some of Jesus' teachings difficult to understand and follow?
 - 15. What might cause someone to stop following Jesus?
 - 16. When have you ever felt like turning away from following Jesus?
- * 17. What has kept you from turning away from Christ?
 - 18. What makes you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

- * 19. What difficult teaching of Jesus will you ask God to help you understand and apply to your life?
 - 20. What struggling Christian could use your encouragement this week as he or she continues to follow Jesus?

Jesus Goes to the Feast of Tabernacles - John 7:1-13

Topics: Believe, Compromise, Doubt, Evil, Faith, Family, Fear, Friendship, God's Will, Jesus Christ, Mission, Timing, Truth, Unbelievers, World

Open It

- 1. Who are some of today's most controversial personalities?
- * 2. What dynamic figure from history do you admire? Why?

Explore It

- 3. Why did Jesus stay away from Judea? (7:1)
- 4. What feast was near? (7:2)
- * 5. What did Jesus' brothers tell Him to do? (7:3-4)
 - 6. Why did Jesus' brothers tell Him to do this? (7:5)
 - 7. How did Jesus respond to His brothers' words? (7:6-8)
- * 8. Why did Jesus say the world hated Him? (7:7)
 - 9. What did Jesus do when His brothers had left? (7:9)
 - 10. What were the Jews doing at the feast? (7:11)
- * 11. What were people at the feast saying about Jesus? (7:12)
 - 12. Why didn't the people speak publicly about Jesus? (7:13)

Get It

- 13. What sort of things are people today saying about Jesus?
- 14. How would you feel if either a family member or friend doubted you or your abilities?
- * 15. How have you been punished or put down for speaking the truth?
 - 16. How would you feel if you knew that someone hated you?
 - 17. What would you do if you knew that someone hated you?
- * 18. In what different ways do people react to unwelcome truth?
 - 19. When have you been afraid to openly share your beliefs about Jesus?
 - 20. In what way is the world today evil?

- 21. How will you encourage either a family member or friend today?
- * 22. In what area of your life do you need to ask God to help you boldly speak the truth?

Jesus Teaches at the Feast - John 7:14-24

Topics: Appearance, Assumptions, Demons, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Judging Others, Law, Legalism, Traditions, Truth, Unbelievers

Open It

- 1. When have you gotten so caught up with rules and regulations that you missed entirely the joy of living?
- * 2. When have you judged someone or something on appearance alone only to find out later that you were wrong?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus do halfway through the Feast? (7:14)
- 4. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' teaching? (7:15)
- 5. From where did Jesus' teaching come? (7:16)
- * 6. How did Jesus say someone could discover whether or not His teaching came from God? (7:17)
 - 7. What quality did Jesus say a person of truth possesses? (7:18)
 - 8. What questions did Jesus ask the Jews? (7:19)
- * 9. What did the crowd accuse Jesus of being? (7:20)
 - 10. Why did Jesus say the Jews were astonished? (7:21)
 - 11. Why did Jesus comment on circumcision? (7:22-23)
 - 12. What evidence did Jesus use to show that the Jews also believed in doing good on the Sabbath? (7:22-23)
 - 13. How did Jesus compare His healing with circumcision? (7:23)
- * 14. What did Jesus instruct His audience to do? (7:24)

Get It

- * 15. How do people today respond to the teaching of Jesus?
 - 16. What gives you the confidence to believe that what Jesus taught is true?
 - 17. How can we become men and women of truth?
- * 18. What rules do we force on others while overlooking our own violations?
 - 19. What are the important issues in today's society about which the Church should be concerned?
 - 20. Why do we tend to judge things and people based solely on appearances?

- 21. What hypocritical standard do you need to change in your life this week?
- * 22. How can you put aside a prejudice in order to get to know a person you have misjudged?

Is Jesus the Christ? - John 7:25-44

Topics: Believe, Divisions, Doubt, Faith, God, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Miracles, Rejection, Religion, Satisfaction, Security, Society, Unbelievers, World

Open It

- 1. In what do people today put their faith?
- * 2. What ideas tend to cause division among the people you know?

Explore It

- * 3. What questions did the people begin asking about Jesus? (7:25-26)
 - 4. Why was it significant that people knew where Jesus was from? (7:27)
 - 5. What did Jesus cry out in the temple court? (7:28-29)
 - 6. What did the people try to do? (7:30)
 - 7. Why were the people unsuccessful in trying to seize Jesus? (7:30)
- * 8. What reason did some of the people give for putting their faith in Jesus? (7:31)
 - 9. What did the Pharisees do when they heard the crowd talking about Jesus? (7:32)
 - 10. How long did Jesus say He would be with His audience? (7:33)
 - 11. What did Jesus say the people would be unable to do? (7:34)
 - 12. How did the Jews respond to what Jesus said? (7:35-36)
 - 13. What invitation did Jesus offer on the last day of the Feast? (7:37)
 - 14. What result did Jesus promise for those who believed in Him? (7:38)
 - 15. Why hadn't the Spirit been given yet? (7:39)
- * 16. What conclusions did the people come to about Jesus? (7:40-41)
 - 17. Why did the people get confused over Jesus' identity? (7:41-42)
 - 18. What effect did Jesus have on these people? (7:43)
 - 19. What did some of the people want to do? (7:44)

Get It

- 20. What has the world as a whole concluded about Jesus?
- 21. What can you tell about a person from his or her hometown?
- 22. How has your background shaped you into the person you are today?
- 23. When do you feel most refreshed in your relationship with Christ?
- * 24. How has Jesus caused division among groups of people with whom you are associated?
 - 25. How has Jesus satisfied your thirsts and longings in life?
- * 26. In what way do we attempt to satisfy our thirsts and longings in life outside of Christ?

- * 27. What specific thirst or longing do you need to trust Christ to satisfy this week?
 - 28. How can you refresh your relationship with God today?

Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders - John 7:45-52

Topics: Acceptance, Authority, Influence, Jesus Christ, Leadership, Motives, Peer Pressure, Prejudice, Society, Status, Unbelievers, World

Open It

- 1. Why do people join groups, clubs, and associations?
- * 2. To what groups do you belong? Which is your favorite?

Explore It

- 3. What explanation did the temple guards give for not bringing Jesus to the chief priests and Pharisees? (7:45-46)
- * 4. How can we infer that the temple guard recognized Jesus' authority? (7:46)
 - 5. Of what did the Pharisees accuse the temple guards? (7:47)
 - 6. What groups of people had not believed in Jesus? (7:48)
 - 7. Why did the Pharisees claim there was a curse on the mob of people who believed in Jesus? (7:49)
- * 8. To what group did Nicodemus belong? (7:50)
 - 9. What question did Nicodemus ask? (7:51)
 - 10. What question was Nicodemus asked? (7:52)
- * 11. What claim did the Pharisees make about Galilee? (7:52)

Get It

- * 12. To what groups in your church do you belong?
 - 13. How might your membership in certain groups influence your opinions or beliefs?
 - 14. What religious groups have power and authority in today's society?
- * 15. How might today's religious leaders react to Jesus if He came back today?
 - 16. Why do we tend to judge others before we actually get to know them?
 - 17. How do we sometimes abuse spiritual authority?

- * 18. What groups that further the cause of Christ can you support? How?
 - 19. How can you glorify God in the places of authority you hold?

A Woman Caught in Adultery - John 7:53-8:11

Topics: Accusation, Adultery, Failure, Faults, Forgiveness, Hypocrisy, Immorality, Jesus Christ, Judging Others, Legalism, Punishment, Self-righteousness, Sin

Open It

- * 1. What sins do most people think they are incapable of committing?
 - 2. What activities or behavior do you consider to be immoral?
 - 3. What do you think is the biggest challenge to marriages today?

Explore It

- 4. Where did Jesus go? (8:1)
- 5. What did Jesus sit down to do in the temple courts? (8:2)
- 6. Whom did the Pharisees bring before Jesus? (8:3-4)
- * 7. What did the Law of Moses say should happen to the woman caught in adultery? (8:5)
 - 8. Why did the Pharisees bring the woman before Jesus? (8:6)
 - 9. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees' question? (8:6-8)
- * 10. Why did Jesus issue a challenge to the Pharisees? (8:7)
 - 11. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' challenge? (8:9)
 - 12. What did Jesus ask the woman? (8:10)
- * 13. What did Jesus tell the woman to do? (8:11)

Get It

- * 14. Which sins do we tend to categorize as "big" sins (those that are worse than all others)?
 - 15. Why do we rush to point out other people's sin?
 - 16. Which sins do you think God classifies as "big" sins?
 - 17. How do we treat people who have fallen into one of the so-called "big" sins?
- * 18. How should we treat people who have sinned?
 - 19. About what do you tend to be self-righteous?
 - 20. What should we do when we've sinned?

- 21. How can you challenge a friend or family member caught in sin to sin no more?
- 22. Away from what bad habit or tendency do you need to take the first step today?
- * 23. What self-righteous attitude will you ask God to change in your prayers this week?

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony - John 8:12-30

Topics: Authority, Believe, Darkness, Eternal Life, Faith, God, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Knowledge, Leadership, Light, People, World

Open It

- 1. What kind of credentials are valued most by the people you work with?
- * 2. When was a time you were able to verify someone else's testimony?

Explore It

- 3. Who did Jesus say that He was? (8:12)
- 4. What did Jesus say would be the result of following Him? (8:12)
- 5. How did the Pharisees challenge Jesus? (8:13)
- * 6. Why did Jesus say His own testimony was valid? (8:14)
 - 7. Why did Jesus say His decisions were right? (8:15-16)
- * 8. What two witnesses did Jesus claim testified on His behalf? (8:17-18)
 - 9. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees didn't know His Father? (8:19)
 - 10. Why didn't anyone seize Jesus? (8:20)
 - 11. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' words? (8:21-22)
 - 12. What did Jesus say would be the consequence of not believing in Him? (8:23-24)
 - 13. What question did the Jews ask Jesus? (8:25)
 - 14. How did Jesus answer the Jews' question? (8:25-26)
- * 15. At what point did Jesus say that the people would know who He was? (8:27-28)
 - 16. Whom did Jesus say He pleased? (8:29)
 - 17. How did the people respond to Jesus' words? (8:30)

Get It

- 18. How do you know God the Father?
- 19. In what way is Jesus a "light"?
- 20. How is Jesus the light in your world?
- 21. How were you in darkness before you believed in Jesus?
- * 22. Why is Jesus' testimony credible to you?
 - 23. Why are people today confused about Jesus' identity?
 - 24. How is Jesus' relationship with God an example for our relationship with God?
 - 25. In what way has God been reliable in your life?
- * 26. What would people say about the validity of your testimony?

- 27. How can you seek to please God with what you do today?
- * 28. In what way can you testify on behalf of Jesus this week?

The Children of Abraham - John 8:31-41

Topics: Believe, Children, Freedom, God, Jesus Christ, New Life, Salvation, Sin, Slavery, Unbelievers, Understanding, Words

Open It

- * 1. To what sort of things do people today become enslaved?
 - 2. What does it mean to you to be free? What doesn't it mean?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus say to the Jews who had believed in Him? (8:31)
- * 4. What did Jesus say the truth would do for those who knew it? (8:32)
- 5. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' statement about freedom? (8:33)
- * 6. Who did Jesus say is a slave to sin? (8:34)
 - 7. How does Jesus distinguish a slave from a son? (8:35)
- * 8. What is the result of being freed by the Son? (8:36)
 - 9. What did Jesus say the Jews were ready to do? (8:37)
 - 10. Who did the Jews say was their father? (8:39)
 - 11. In what way were the Jews mistaken about Abraham? (8:39)
 - 12. What did Abraham not do? (8:40)
 - 13. What claim did Jesus' accusers make? (8:41)

Get It

- 14. How are you like your mother or father?
- 15. To what sin are you a slave?
- * 16. From what sin have you been set free?
- * 17. How does truth set someone free?
 - 18. How has the Son set you free?
 - 19. In what way are we like God our Father?
 - 20. When do we act like illegitimate children?

- * 21. How can you better enjoy your freedom in the Son?
 - 22. From what enslaving sin will you ask God to set you free?
 - 23. What action will you take in order to act more like a child of God?

The Children of the Devil - John 8:42-47

Topics: Believe, Children, God, Heresy, Jesus Christ, Love, Parents, Satan, Sin, Truth, Understanding, Words

Open It

- 1. What languages other than English have you learned or would you like to learn?
- * 2. What makes mastering a second language so difficult?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus say the Jews would do if God were their Father? (8:42)
- 4. Who sent Jesus? (8:42)
- * 5. Why did Jesus say that His language was unclear to His audience? (8:43)
 - 6. What shocking fact did Jesus reveal about His audience? (8:44)
 - 7. What did Jesus say was not in the devil? (8:44)
- * 8. What is the devil's native language? (8:44)
 - 9. Of what did Jesus say the devil was the father? (8:44)
 - 10. Why did Jesus' audience not believe Him? (8:45)
 - 11. What did Jesus ask His audience to prove? (8:46)
- * 12. What did Jesus say that the person who belonged to God heard? (8:47)
 - 13. What reason did Jesus give for these people's lack of hearing? (8:47)

Get It

- 14. In what way are you like your parents?
- 15. What points to the fact that you belong to God?
- 16. How does a person show love for Jesus?
- * 17. What truths do you have a difficult time accepting?
 - 18. How is our love for God reflected in our love for Christ?
- * 19. What does your speech reveal about you?
 - 20. What is your native language: truth, lies, or another language?
 - 21. How can we learn a new language?

- 22. What truth that is difficult for you to face will you ask God to help you confront today?
- 23. What change in your speech can you make this week to reflect your status as a child of God?

The Claims of Jesus About Himself - John 8:48-59

Topics: Accusation, Authority, Believe, Death, Demons, Glory, God, Hardheartedness, Heresy, Jesus Christ, Motives, Truth, Unbelievers, Understanding, Words

Open It

- 1. Over what area of your life do you feel you have the least amount of control?
- * 2. How would you respond if you were falsely accused of doing something you hadn't done?

Explore It

- * 3. Of what did the Jews accuse Jesus? (8:48)
 - 4. How did Jesus respond to the accusation against Him? (8:49)
 - 5. What did Jesus say He wasn't seeking? (8:50)
 - 6. What did Jesus say would be the result of keeping His word? (8:51)
 - 7. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim? (8:52)
 - 8. What question did the Jews ask Jesus? (8:53)
 - 9. Who glorifies Jesus? (8:54)
- * 10. Whom did Jesus claim to know? (8:55)
 - 11. What made Abraham rejoice? (8:56)
- * 12. Why were the Jews so astonished by what Jesus said? (8:57)
 - 13. Before whom did Jesus claim He had existed? (8:58)
 - 14. What did the Jews attempt to do to Jesus? Why? (8:58-59)

Get It

- 15. How do you usually respond to things you don't understand or can't explain?
- 16. How do you respond to situations that you can't control?
- * 17. How do you respond when your authority is being challenged?
 - 18. To what authorities in life do you appeal for truth?
 - 19. Whose glory do you seek?
- * 20. How can you honor God with your life?
 - 21. How does a person keep Jesus' word?
 - 22. How well do you keep Jesus' word?
 - 23. How do you know that you know God?

- 24. What is one way that you can honor God with your life today?
- * 25. How can you seek God's glory rather than your own in your work this week?
 - 26. What do you need to do in order to keep Jesus' word?

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind - John 9:1-12

Topics: Abilities, Circumstances, Glory, God, Healing, Jesus Christ, Light, Miracles, New Life, Parents, Sin, World

Open It

- 1. What goes through your mind when you see a disabled person?
- * 2. In what way would being blind change your life?

Explore It

- 3. How long had the man Jesus saw been blind? (9:1)
- * 4. What question did Jesus' disciples ask Him about the blind man's condition? (9:2)
- * 5. Why had this man been born blind? (9:3)
 - 6. What did Jesus say that they should be doing as long as it is day? (9:4)
 - 7. What did Jesus claim to be? (9:5)
 - 8. What did Jesus put on the blind man's eyes? (9:6)
 - 9. What happened to the blind man? (9:7)
 - 10. How did the blind man's neighbors respond to his new condition? (9:9)
 - 11. What question did the blind man's neighbors ask him? (9:10)
- * 12. How did the blind man answer his neighbors' question? (9:11)
 - 13. What did the man's neighbors want to know? (9:12)

Get It

- 14. How do our sins affect us physically or emotionally?
- 15. How do our sins affect others?
- 16. With what condition were you born so that God might be glorified?
- 17. Through what disability or weakness can you glorify God?
- 18. What work has God given you to do while you still have time?
- * 19. In what way has God healed you?
- * 20. In what ways are we spiritually blind?
 - 21. From what "blindness" has God healed you?
 - 22. How did your family and friends respond when you put your faith in Christ?

- * 23. Through what shortcoming in your life will you ask God to glorify Himself today?
 - 24. For what healing in your life will you praise God today?

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing - John 9:13-34

Topics: Believe, Challenge, Church, Comfortable, Complacency, God, Hardheartedness, Healing, Heresy, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Leadership, Miracles, Parents, Sin, Status, Traditions, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. Who do you know who has challenged "the establishment" or "the system"?
 - 2. About what do you tend to get complacent?

Explore It

- 3. To whom was the blind man taken? (9:13)
- 4. On what day did Jesus heal the blind man? (9:14)
- 5. What did the Pharisees ask the blind man? (9:15)
- 6. Over what were the Pharisees divided? (9:16)
- 7. Who did the blind man think Jesus was? (9:17)
- 8. Why did the Pharisees send for the blind man's parents? (9:18)
- * 9. How did the blind man's parents answer the Pharisees' questions? (9:19-21)
 - 10. What did the blind man's parents fear? (9:22-23)
 - 11. What did the Pharisees ask the blind man to do? (9:24)
- * 12. How did the blind man respond to the Pharisees? (9:25)
 - 13. What question did the blind man ask the Pharisees? (9:27)
 - 14. Whose disciples did the Pharisees claim to be? (9:28)
 - 15. What did the blind man say was remarkable? (9:29-30)
 - 16. What did the blind man say nobody had ever done? (9:31-32)
- * 17. What convinced the blind man that Jesus was from God? (9:33)
 - 18. What did the Pharisees do to the man who was born blind? (9:34)

Get It

- 19. What divides Christian leaders today?
- 20. How would you react to a miraculous healing?
- 21. Why do you believe Jesus is from God?
- 22. When have your parents disappointed you?
- 23. How do you respond when your authority is challenged?
- * 24. What authority have you ever challenged?
 - 25. How do people respond when the status quo is disturbed?
- * 26. In what way has Jesus upset the status quo in your life?
 - 27. When have you allowed fear to control your behavior?
 - 28. In what way are Christians today complacent?
 - 29. In what way has Jesus opened your once-blind eyes?

- 30. What area of your life about which you have become complacent do you need to allow Jesus to revitalize? How?
- 31. What program in your church about which people have become complacent can you help revitalize?
- * 32. How would you challenge someone this week who disputed the authority of God?

Spiritual Blindness - John 9:35-41

Topics: Acceptance, Believe, Faith, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Religion, Sin, World, Worship

Open It

- 1. What is one cause or person for which you would risk being disowned by your family and all your friends?
- * 2. What person outside your family has had the biggest impact on your life?

Explore It

- 3. What had Jesus heard? (9:35)
- * 4. What did Jesus ask the man who had been blind? (9:35)
 - 5. Why did the blind man ask Jesus to identify the Son of Man? (9:36)
- * 6. Who did Jesus claim to be? (9:37)
- * 7. What did the blind man do when Jesus told him who He was? (9:38)
 - 8. According to Jesus, why had He come into the world? (9:39)
 - 9. What people expressed shock at what Jesus said? (9:40)
 - 10. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus? (9:40)
 - 11. What did Jesus mean by saying "but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains"? (9:41)
 - 12. Why did Jesus say that the Pharisees' guilt would remain? (9:41)

Get It

- 13. When have you felt unaccepted by other believers?
- * 14. In what circumstances do you usually worship Jesus?
- * 15. In what way are people today spiritually blind?
 - 16. How has Jesus healed you of your spiritual blindness?
 - 17. How has Jesus' healing of your spiritual blindness changed your life?

- 18. For what do you need to worship Jesus and God today?
- * 19. For what person who is spiritually blind will you pray that God would open his or her eyes?

The Shepherd and His Flock - John 10:1-21

Topics: Eternal Life, Follow, God, Jesus Christ, Life, Listening, Love, New Life, Obedience, Relationships, Sacrifice, Salvation

Open It

- * 1. What person or group did you and your friends "follow" when you were a teenager?
 - 2. What qualities do the best friends possess?

Explore It

- 3. Who did Jesus say was a thief and a robber? (10:1)
- 4. What kind of relationship do sheep have with their shepherd? (10:2-4)
- * 5. Why won't sheep follow a stranger? (10:5)
 - 6. What effect did Jesus' words have on His audience? (10:6)
 - 7. What did Jesus say He was? (10:7)
 - 8. To whom did Jesus say the sheep did not listen? (10:8)
 - 9. What did Jesus say would be the result of entering through Him? (10:9)
- * 10. How did Jesus contrast His coming with the coming of a thief? (10:10)
 - 11. Who did Jesus claim to be? (10:11)
 - 12. Why did Jesus say the hired hand would abandon his sheep? (10:12-13)
 - 13. What type of relationship did Jesus say He had with His sheep? (10:14)
- * 14. What did Jesus say He did for His sheep? (10:15)
 - 15. What did Jesus say He had? (10:16)
 - 16. Why did Jesus say the Father loved Him? (10:17-18)
 - 17. What effect did Jesus' words have on the Jews who heard Him speak? (10:19-21)

Get It

- 18. In what way is Jesus like a gate?
- 19. How has Jesus been a gate in your life?
- * 20. In what way is Jesus like a shepherd?
 - 21. How are we like sheep?
 - 22. In what way is Jesus your shepherd?
 - 23. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
- * 24. How can we better hear the voice of Jesus?
 - 25. What tempts people to follow a stranger? Why?
 - 26. How has Jesus made your life full?

- 27. How can you develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus this week?
- * 28. How can you be more attentive to the voice of Jesus?

The Unbelief of the Jews - John 10:22-42

Topics: Assurance, Believe, Blasphemy, Doubt, Eternal Life, God, Hardheartedness, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Miracles, Rejection, Relationships, Sin, Unbelievers

Open It

- 1. What truths are hard for you to accept? Why?
- * 2. How did your family typically handle conflict when you were growing up?

Explore It

- * 3. What question did the Jews ask Jesus? (10:22-24)
 - 4. How did Jesus answer the Jews' question? (10:25-26)
 - 5. What did Jesus say His sheep did? (10:27)
 - 6. What did Jesus say He gave to His sheep? (10:28)
 - 7. What did Jesus say that no one could do to His sheep? (10:28-29)
 - 8. With whom did Jesus claim to be one? (10:30)
- * 9. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' claim? (10:31)
 - 10. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus? (10:33) How?
 - 11. How did Jesus respond to the Jews' accusation of blasphemy? (10:34-36)
 - 12. Under what circumstance did Jesus say that the Jews should believe in Him? (10:37)
- * 13. Why did Jesus say that the Jews should believe in His miracles? (10:38)
 - 14. What did the Jews try to do to Jesus? (10:39)
 - 15. Where did Jesus go after He escaped from the Jews? (10:40)
 - 16. Why did the people across the Jordan believe in Jesus? (10:41-42)

Get It

- 17. Why do people today fail to realize that Jesus is God?
- 18. In what way are you Jesus' sheep?
- 19. What makes you feel secure in your relationship with your friends?
- * 20. What makes you feel secure in your relationship with God?
 - 21. How secure is your relationship with God?
- * 22. Why does Jesus' claim to be God cause people to oppose Him?
 - 23. Who today would find Jesus' claim to be God offensive?
 - 24. In what way is Jesus' relationship with God significant for your relationship with God?
 - 25. Why should people believe in Jesus?

- 26. How will you demonstrate your thankfulness to God today for your secure relationship with Him?
- * 27. What steps will you take to follow your Shepherd closely this week?

The Death of Lazarus - John 11:1-16

Topics: Believe, Challenge, Circumstances, Darkness, Death, Glory, God, God's Will, Jesus Christ, Light, Mission, Mourning, Sickness, Sin

Open It

- 1. What polite phrases do we use to describe death?
- * 2. When has someone you've known died unexpectedly?

Explore It

- 3. What was wrong with Lazarus? (11:1)
- 4. To whom was Lazarus related? (11:2)
- 5. How did Jesus get word about Lazarus? (11:3)
- * 6. Why did Jesus say Lazarus was sick? (11:4)
 - 7. What did Jesus do when He heard about Lazarus? (11:6)
 - 8. Why did Jesus' disciples respond negatively to Jesus' plan to return to Judea? (11:7-8)
 - 9. How did Jesus answer His disciples' hesitancy about returning to Judea? (11:9-10)
 - 10. What did Jesus say had happened to Lazarus? (11:11)
- * 11. How did the disciples misunderstand Jesus? (11:12)
 - 12. What did Jesus mean when he used the word "sleeping"? (11:13-14)
- * 13. Why did Jesus say that He was glad He wasn't with Lazarus? (11:15)
 - 14. What melancholic suggestion did Thomas make? (11:16)

Get It

- 15. How would you respond if you heard that a good friend was very sick?
- * 16. When have you thought you had a better plan for your life than the one God was working out?
 - 17. In what way has God used sickness in your life or the life of another to bring someone to Himself?
 - 18. Why would God choose to use sickness to bring someone to Himself?
 - 19. What shortcoming or disability in your life has God chosen to use to draw others to Himself?
- * 20. How would you respond differently from the way Jesus did if you heard that a good friend had died?
 - 21. When have you felt that you had to perform a task regardless of the obstacles in your path?
 - 22. What gave you the confidence to pursue a hard task that others strongly opposed?
 - 23. When have you felt misunderstood by your friends or family?

- 24. To what unfulfilled task that God has given you will you recommit yourself today?
- * 25. What shortcomings or weaknesses in your life will you give to God in prayer, that He may use them to bring glory to Himself?

Jesus Comforts the Sisters - John 11:17-37

Topics: Anger, Believe, Circumstances, Comfortable, Confidence, Death, Delay, Discouragement, Eternal Life, Example, Faith, God, Jesus Christ, Ministry, Mourning, Resurrection, Salvation, Sorrow

Open It

- * 1. What is one of your greatest disappointments in life?
 - 2. In what different ways do people respond when a loved one dies?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus find when He arrived at Bethany? (11:17)
- 4. What did Mary and Martha do when they heard that Jesus was coming? (11:20)
- * 5. What did Martha say to Jesus about His having come after Lazarus had died? (11:21-22)
 - 6. What did Jesus tell Martha Lazarus would do? (11:23)
 - 7. How did Martha misunderstand Jesus? (11:24)
 - 8. What did Martha and the others learn about Jesus' identity? (11:25)
- * 9. What did Jesus say would happen to those who believed in Him? (11:26)
 - 10. What belief did Martha express to Jesus? (11:27)
 - 11. What did Martha tell Mary? (11:28)
 - 12. What did Mary do after Martha told her Jesus was asking for her? (11:29)
 - 13. Where did the Jews think Mary was going? (11:30-31)
 - 14. How did Mary respond when she saw Jesus? (11:32)
 - 15. What did Mary say to Jesus when He finally arrived? (11:32)
- * 16. How did Jesus respond to the weeping by Mary and the others? (11:33-35)
 - 17. What question did some people have about what Jesus could have done? (11:37)

Get It

- 18. When has God's response to your situation in life seemed untimely?
- 19. In what way do we sometimes second-guess God?
- * 20. When do we tend to second-guess God?
 - 21. How and when has God disappointed you?
 - 22. Why are we sometimes disappointed by God?
- * 23. How should we respond to disappointment?
 - 24. When has God given you comfort in the middle of a sad time of life?
 - 25. In what way is Jesus' response to Lazarus's death a model for us to follow?

- * 26. What attitude of disappointment do you need to confess to God and change to trust in His sovereign control?
 - 27. How can you be a comfort to a struggling or hurting believer this week?

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead - John 11:38-44

Topics: Believe, Death, Doubt, Glory, God, God's Will, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Mourning, New Life, Resurrection, Sorrow

Open It

- 1. What do the people you know fear most in life?
- * 2. What sort of miracle would be the most spectacular to witness?

Explore It

- 3. How did Jesus feel when He went to Lazarus's tomb? (11:38)
- 4. In what type of tomb was Lazarus buried? (11:38)
- * 5. What did Jesus tell the others to do? (11:39)
 - 6. How did Martha respond to Jesus' request? (11:39)
- * 7. How did Jesus show Martha the importance of her belief? (11:40)
 - 8. What did Jesus do before He called to Lazarus? (11:41-42)
 - 9. What did Jesus say to the Father? Why? (11:41-42)
- * 10. How did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? (11:43-44)
 - 11. What did Lazarus do when Jesus called to him? (11:44)
 - 12. What did Jesus tell the people to do? (11:44)

Get It

- 13. When have you been deeply moved?
- 14. Under what circumstances have you doubted the power of God?
- * 15. When have you had faith in God's ability to work out an impossible situation?
- * 16. What is one miracle God has done in your life?
 - 17. How does God show His glory to us?
 - 18. In what way has God shown His glory to you?
 - 19. In what way has God "raised you from the dead"?
 - 20. If you had been there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how do you think you might have responded?

- * 21. What specific situation do you need to trust God to work out in your life?
 - 22. For what "miracle" do you want to thank God today?
 - 23. What can you do today so that others might believe in Jesus?

The Plot to Kill Jesus - John 11:45-57

Topics: Ambition, Believe, Christianity, Church, Deceit, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Leadership, Ministry, Miracles, Motives, Power, Prophecy, Religion, Self-centeredness, Self-righteousness, Unbelievers

Open It

- 1. Without naming names, who is the most dishonest and self-serving person you've ever known?
- * 2. What examples of selfishness do you see in a typical day?
 - 3. How do you deal with problem people in your life?

Explore It

- 4. How did many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary respond to Jesus' miracle? (11:45)
- 5. Who was told about Jesus' miracle? (11:46)
- * 6. What did the Sanhedrin fear? (11:47-48)
 - 7. What did Caiaphas say about Jesus? (11:49-50)
- * 8. How did Caiaphas prophesy? (11:51-52)
 - 9. What did the Jewish leaders of the Sanhedrin plot to do? (11:53)
 - 10. How did Jesus respond to the Sanhedrin's plot? (11:54)
 - 11. Why did many people go to Jerusalem? (11:55)
 - 12. For whom did the people in Jerusalem look? (11:56)
- * 13. What orders had the chief priests and Pharisees given to the people? (11:57)

Get It

- * 14. What motive other than ministry might people have for engaging in Christian service?
 - 15. What personal ambitions might subvert the goal of serving God and others in Christian organizations?
- 16. When have you intentionally or unintentionally used the church to pursue your own agenda?
- * 17. Why is it so difficult to have pure and selfless motives in life?
 - 18. How do you respond when your goals and your motives conflict with one another?
 - 19. How might Christianity be challenged or threatened by Jesus if He were to come back today?

- 20. How would you tell a self-centered person the gospel message?
- * 21. What self-centered motive will you ask God to help you change?

Jesus Anointed at Bethany - John 12:1-11

Topics: Devotion, Dishonesty, Faith, Honor, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Loyalty, Money, Plans, Poor, Possessions, Preparation, Value, Worship

Open It

- * 1. When have you indulged another person with an expensive gift?
 - 2. How do you deal with the tension of helping people in need while enjoying your wealth and possessions?

Explore It

- 3. When did Jesus arrive in Bethany? (12:1)
- * 4. What was done in honor of Jesus in Bethany? (12:2)
 - 5. What did Mary do to Jesus? (12:3)
- * 6. How did Judas respond to Mary's act? (12:4-5)
 - 7. What motivated Judas's response to Mary's act? (12:6)
- * 8. Why did Jesus say that Mary had anointed Him with perfume? (12:7)
 - 9. What did Jesus say about the poor? (12:8)
 - 10. Why did the large crowd come to Mary and Martha's home? (12:9)
 - 11. What did the chief priests plan to do? (12:10)
 - 12. What motive did the chief priests have? (12:11)

Get It

- 13. How do you worship Jesus with your resources?
- * 14. What concern should we have for the poor among us?
 - 15. In what way can we help those less fortunate than ourselves?
 - 16. Why are there poor people?
- * 17. How do we selfishly use God's resources for our own pleasure?
 - 18. When have we masked our own selfishness with the appearance of concern for others?

- * 19. How can you worship and honor God with your resources today?
 - 20. How can you help someone less fortunate than yourself this week?
 - 21. What impure motives do you need to confess to God and ask Him to purify?

The Triumphal Entry - John 12:12-19

Topics: Enthusiasm, Evangelism, Expectations, Glory, Good News, Honor, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Praise, Prophecy, Worship

Open It

- * 1. How do people usually react when they meet a celebrity? Why?
 - 2. Who are today's religious celebrities?

Explore It

- 3. What had the crowd heard about Jesus? (12:12)
- * 4. How did the crowd greet Jesus when He arrived in Jerusalem? (12:13)
 - 5. What title did the crowd ascribe to Jesus? (12:13)
 - 6. What prophetic event took place? (12:14-15)
 - 7. What had been written about this event? (12:15)
 - 8. When did Jesus' disciples realize the significance of these events? (12:16)
- * 9. What did the crowd that was with Jesus do when He raised Lazarus? (12:17)
- * 10. Why did many of the people go out to meet Jesus? (12:18)
 - 11. How did the Pharisees react to this event? (12:19)

Get It

- * 12. What did you hear about Jesus that led you to seek Him?
 - 13. How should Jesus be the ruler in our lives?
 - 14. When are you reluctant to allow Jesus to take His rightful place as King in your life?
 - 15. What area of your life is difficult for you to surrender to Christ's authority?
 - 16. How should we honor and worship Jesus as King?
- * 17. How should we spread the Word about Jesus?

- 18. What specific area of your life do you need to submit more consistently to the authority of Jesus? How?
- 19. With whom do you need to share the good news about Jesus Christ? How can you?
- * 20. How will you honor and worship Jesus with your life today?

Jesus Predicts His Death - John 12:20-36

Topics: Commitment, Darkness, Death, Discipline, Faith, Follow, Glory, God, Heaven, Honor, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Life, Life-style, Light, Satan, Self-centeredness, Selfishness

Open It

- * 1. Who or what in life encourages you to be self-centered?
 - 2. When have you set aside your own needs temporarily to meet the needs of other people?

Explore It

- 3. What did the group of Greeks ask Philip? (12:20-22)
- 4. What did Jesus say had come? (12:23)
- 5. What did Jesus say about a kernel of wheat? (12:24)
- * 6. What did Jesus say about loving and hating life? (12:25)
 - 7. What did Jesus say about the person who wants to serve Him? (12:26)
 - 8. How did Jesus feel? (12:27)
 - 9. What was Jesus' attitude? (12:27)
- * 10. Why didn't Jesus ask the Father to save Him? (12:27)
 - 11. What did Jesus ask the Father to do? (12:28)
 - 12. How did the crowd react to God's voice? (12:29)
 - 13. What time did Jesus say it was? (12:31)
- * 14. What did Jesus say would happen when He was lifted up? (12:32)
 - 15. How did the crowd respond to Jesus' words? (12:34)
 - 16. In what way was Jesus' audience running out of time? (12:35)
 - 17. What did Jesus tell the crowd to do? (12:36)

Get It

- * 18. How do we love our own lives?
 - 19. How does Jesus want us to hate our lives?
 - 20. When and why is it difficult for you to serve and follow Jesus?
- * 21. What does it mean for us to "walk in the light"?
 - 22. What tempts you to wander in the darkness rather than walk in the light?
 - 23. What example has Jesus set for us to follow?
 - 24. How can a group of people all have the same experience but interpret it differently?

- * 25. What is one change you can make in your life to become more attentive to the needs of others over your own?
 - 26. To whom can you be helpful today? How?

The Jews Continue in Their Unbelief - John 12:37-50

Topics: Acceptance, Believe, Complacency, Darkness, Eternal Life, Faith, Fear, Follow, God, Hardheartedness, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Life, Light, Love, Miracles, Peer Pressure, Prophecy, Rejection, Salvation, Unbelievers, Words

Open It

- * 1. Why do people seek fame and the acceptance of others?
 - 2. Aside from God's, whose love and acceptance have you tried to get?

Explore It

- 3. What effect did Jesus' miracles have on the unbelieving Jews? (12:37)
- 4. What was significant about the response of the Jews to Jesus' ministry? (12:38)
- * 5. Why couldn't the Jews of Jesus' day believe in Him? (12:39-40)
 - 6. What did Isaiah say about the Jews of Jesus' day? (12:41)
- * 7. Why didn't the leaders who did believe in Jesus admit their faith? (12:42-43)
 - 8. What is true about any person who believes in Christ? (12:44-45)
 - 9. Why did Jesus come into the world? (12:46)
 - 10. What did Jesus say about the person who hears His words, but does not keep them? (12:47)
- * 11. What did Jesus say would condemn the person who did not accept His words? (12:48)
 - 12. What kind of teaching did Jesus give us? (12:49)
 - 13. Why are Jesus' words important? (12:50)

Get It

- 14. How can people see the work of Jesus in others' lives and still not believe in Him?
- * 15. What blinds us to spiritual truth?
 - 16. When and why have you been afraid to admit your faith in Jesus?
- * 17. What consequences might a Christian face for publicly admitting faith in Jesus?
 - 18. Why do we want to pursue the praise and acceptance of other people rather than the praise and acceptance of God?
 - 19. Out of what kind of darkness has Jesus taken you?
 - 20. How can we accept and keep the words of Jesus?

- * 21. To whom do you need to admit your faith in Jesus, regardless of the consequences? When can you?
 - 22. In what personal circumstance do you want to seek God's acceptance over the praise and acceptance of others?

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet - John 13:1-17

Topics: Ambition, Attitude, Example, Forgiveness, Glory, Greatness, Help, Honor, Humility, Jesus Christ, Life-style, Love, Ministry, Motives, Pride, Self-centeredness, Serving

Open It

- * 1. What is your idea of great customer service?
 - 2. In what way does our society instill in us the desire to be served?
 - 3. What do your neighbors consider to be signs of high position or status?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus know it was time to do? (13:1)
- 5. What had the devil prompted Judas to do? (13:2)
- 6. What did Jesus know that the Father had done? (13:3)
- 7. What did Jesus do when He got up from His meal with the disciples? (13:4-5)
- 8. Why did Peter express shock? (13:6)
- 9. How did Jesus respond to Peter's amazement? (13:7)
- * 10. What did Peter declare he would never allow? (13:8)
 - 11. Why was it important for Jesus to wash the disciples' feet? (13:8)
 - 12. What did Peter want Jesus to do? (13:9)
 - 13. Why did Peter need only his feet washed? (13:10)
 - 14. Why did Jesus qualify His statements? (13:11)
- * 15. What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do? (13:12-15)
- * 16. What is the difference between servants and masters? (13:16)
 - 17. How did Jesus say that His disciples would be blessed? (13:17)

Get It

- 18. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you?
- * 19. When and why is it difficult for you to serve others?
 - 20. How has Jesus cleansed us?
- * 21. In what way does Jesus wash our feet today?
 - 22. In what way are we to wash the feet of others?
 - 23. What example did Jesus set for us to follow?
 - 24. In what areas do you struggle with being humble?
 - 25. What makes being humble so difficult?
 - 26. When and why do you feel in competition with other believers?

- 27. Who is someone you can serve today? How?
- * 28. Whose service do you need to accept the next time he or she offers?
 - 29. What proud attitude do you still exhibit that could benefit from Jesus' example?

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal - John 13:18-30

Topics: Acceptance, Affections, Character, Choices, Evil, Fellowship, Friendship, Hardheartedness, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Life-style, Love, Motives, Relationships, Satan

Open It

- 1. What persons in history or literature are known as traitors?
- * 2. Why is trust important to a friendship?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus say about the person who shared His bread? (13:18)
- 4. Why did Jesus tell His disciples He would be betrayed? (13:19)
- 5. What did Jesus say about His disciples? (13:20)
- * 6. Why was Jesus troubled? (13:21)
 - 7. How did Jesus' disciples respond when He said one of them would betray Him? (13:22)
 - 8. What did Peter do? (13:23-24)
- * 9. How did Jesus answer the beloved disciple's question? (13:26)
 - 10. What happened to Judas when he took the bread? (13:27)
 - 11. What did Jesus say to Judas? (13:27)
- * 12. What did the other disciples think Jesus was telling Judas to do? (13:28-29)
 - 13. What did Judas do? (13:30)

Get It

- 14. Why is it hard to maintain an intimate and growing relationship with another person?
- * 15. How would it feel to be betrayed by a close friend?
 - 16. Whom do you know who has been hurt by betrayal?
- * 17. What can you do to build trust in all your friendships?
 - 18. How do we betray Jesus with our words or by our life-style?
 - 19. Why and how are we tempted to betray Jesus?
 - 20. What are the consequences of betraying Jesus?

- 21. What behavior that betrays your relationship with Jesus will you ask God to help you change?
- * 22. What is the first step you can take toward building trust in one personal relationship this week?

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial - John 13:31-38

Topics: Basics of the Faith, Character, Choices, Denial, Follow, Glory, God, Jesus Christ, Life, Life-style, Love, Loyalty, Sacrifice

Open It

- 1. What can you learn about a person from the way he or she dresses?
- 2. How do people reveal their convictions through their life-style?
- * 3. What does it mean to love someone?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus say when Judas had gone? (13:31)
- 5. What did God do through Jesus? (13:32)
- 6. How much longer did Jesus say He would be with His disciples? (13:33)
- 7. Why was Jesus saying farewell? (13:33)
- 8. What was Jesus giving to His disciples? (13:34)
- * 9. What did Jesus command His disciples to do? (13:34)
- * 10. How did Jesus say people would know His disciples? (13:35)
 - 11. What question did Peter ask Jesus? (13:36)
 - 12. What did Jesus tell Peter? (13:36)
- * 13. What did Peter pledge to do? (13:37)
 - 14. What blunt statement did Jesus make about Peter? (13:38)

Get It

- 15. How is God glorified by our behavior?
- * 16. What does it mean for you to love people as Jesus has loved them?
 - 17. What kind of love was Jesus talking about?
- * 18. How is love a sign that someone is a disciple of Christ?
 - 19. How do we deny Christ with our words or life-style?
 - 20. When and why are we tempted to deny Jesus?
 - 21. How does our denying Christ affect our relationship with Him as well as our relationships with other Christians?

- * 22. Who is someone you need to love as Christ has loved you? How?
 - 23. What can you do to stay loyal to Christ this week with either your words or your life-style?
 - 24. How can you show Christ's love to others at your place of work, at home, or in your neighborhood?
 - 25. What steps can you take to become more loving to others?

Jesus Comforts His Disciples - John 14:1-4

Topics: Assurance, Confidence, Eternal Life, Feelings, God, Heart, Home, Hope, Jesus Christ, Security, Trust, Worry

Open It

- 1. What is it about your home that makes it feel like home to you?
- * 2. In what way do you sometimes feel that this world is not your home?
 - 3. Who or what is most comforting to you when you are upset?

Explore It

- * 4. How didn't Jesus want His disciples to respond to His departure? (14:1)
 - 5. How did Jesus want His disciples to respond to His departure? (14:1)
 - 6. In what did Jesus want His disciples to trust? (14:1)
 - 7. Where did Jesus say He was going? (14:2)
 - 8. What assurance did Jesus give His disciples that what He said was true? (14:2)
- * 9. What is in God's house? (14:2)
 - 10. What did Jesus say He was going to do in His Father's house? (14:2)
- * 11. What did Jesus tell His disciples that He would do for them? (14:3)
 - 12. What promise did Jesus make? (14:3)
 - 13. What did Jesus' disciples know? (14:4)

Get It

- 14. What troubles your heart?
- 15. How do you usually handle worries that trouble you?
- 16. Why is it sometimes hard to trust God with our problems?
- * 17. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?
 - 18. In what way is Jesus preparing you to be with Him?
- * 19. How are you preparing to be with Jesus?

- 20. What troubles do you need to entrust to God today?
- * 21. What can you do today to prepare yourself for an eternity with Jesus?

Jesus the Way to the Father - John 14:5-14

Topics: Answers, Basics of the Faith, Beliefs, Believe, Evidence, Faith, Fellowship, Glory, God, God's Will, Gospel, Jesus Christ, Knowledge, Life, Mediator, Miracles, Name, Truth, Words

Open It

- 1. What are some widely accepted "truths" that you believe to be false?
- * 2. In what ways do you resemble your parents?

Explore It

- 3. What did Thomas ask Jesus? (14:5)
- * 4. What did Jesus tell Thomas that He was? (14:6)
 - 5. Whom did Jesus say that His disciples would know if they really knew Him? (14:7)
 - 6. Whom did Philip ask Jesus to show them? (14:8)
- * 7. What did Jesus ask Philip in response to Philip's request to be shown the Father? (14:9)
 - 8. How did Jesus characterize His relationship with the Father? (14:10-11)
- * 9. What evidence did Jesus use to prove that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him? (14:11)
 - 10. What did Jesus say that those who had faith in Him would do? (14:12)
 - 11. Why did Jesus say that anyone who had faith would do greater things? (14:12)
 - 12. Why did Jesus say that He would do whatever His believers asked in His name? (14:13)
 - 13. What did Jesus say that He would do for His followers? (14:14)

Get It

- * 14. In what way is faith in Jesus Christ exclusive or narrow?
 - 15. In what way is Christianity an exclusive belief system?
- * 16. How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in your life?
 - 17. How are we related to Jesus Christ and God the Father?
 - 18. What does it mean to know someone?
 - 19. What does it mean to know Jesus and God?
 - 20. What "greater things" are we doing today?
 - 21. What can we ask Jesus to do?
 - 22. What should our motivation be when we make requests of Jesus?
 - 23. How can we bring glory to the Father?

- 24. What can you do this week to deepen your relationship with Christ?
- 25. What can you do today to bring glory to God?
- * 26. Whom do you need to tell about the way Jesus offers a relationship with God?

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-31

Topics: Assurance, Encouragement, Faithfulness, Fellowship, Help, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Knowledge, Learning, Love, Obedience, Peace, Relationships, Security, Words, Work, World, Worry

Open It

- * 1. What people, things, or experiences in life bring you comfort and peace of mind?
 - 2. How do the people you love (whether close friends, spouse, or family members) know that you love them?
 - 3. What relationship in life brings you the most satisfaction? Why?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus say His disciples would do if they loved Him? (14:15)
- * 5. What did Jesus say He would ask God to give His disciples? (14:16)
 - 6. Why could the world not accept the Spirit of Truth? (14:17)
 - 7. What did Jesus promise the disciples? (14:18)
 - 8. Why did Jesus tell His disciples that they would live? (14:19)
 - 9. How is Jesus related to the Father and to His disciples? (14:20)
 - 10. What is the result of obeying Jesus' commands and loving Him? (14:21-23)
- * 11. What did Jesus say the Counselor would do? (14:25-26)
 - 12. What did Jesus leave with His disciples? (14:27)
- * 13. Why were the disciples to be glad that Jesus was leaving them? (14:28)
 - 14. Why did Jesus tell His disciples about the future? (14:29)
 - 15. Why did Jesus say He wouldn't speak much longer? (14:30)
 - 16. What did Jesus intend to show the world? (14:31)

Get It

- 17. How can we show Jesus that we love Him?
- 18. What are the commands of Jesus that we should obey?
- * 19. How are we taught by the Holy Spirit?
- 20. When have you been comforted by the Holy Spirit?
- * 21. What is the peace that Jesus has given us?
 - 22. How can we experience the peace Jesus has given us?
 - 23. What concerns trouble you or cause you to fear?
 - 24. How should we deal with the fear in our lives?
 - 25. What example has Jesus set for us in His relationship with God?

- 26. In what specific way can you show Jesus that you love Him today?
- * 27. What can you do today to experience and enjoy the peace Jesus has given you?
 - 28. What troubling problem or fear do you need to turn over to God?

The Vine and the Branches - John 15:1-17

Topics: Failure, Faithfulness, Fellowship, Friendship, Fruit, Glory, God, Jesus Christ, Joy, Love, Relationships, Rewards, Work

Open It

- 1. What are the marks of a true friendship?
- * 2. What do you do to maintain your friendships?

Explore It

- 3. How are Jesus and the Father related? (15:1)
- 4. What is Jesus and who is the Father? (15:1)
- 5. How does the gardener tend to the branches that bear fruit and the branches that do not? (15:2)
- 6. What did Jesus say the branches must do in order to bear fruit? (15:4)
- 7. Who are the branches? (15:5)
- 8. What did Jesus say would happen to the branches that did not remain in Him? (15:6)
- 9. What privilege was given to the branches that remained in the vine? (15:7)
- 10. What would be demonstrated by the disciples' bearing much fruit? (15:8)
- * 11. What did Jesus urge His disciples to do? (15:9)
 - 12. How were Jesus' disciples to remain in His love? (15:10)
 - 13. Why did Jesus talk with His disciples about vines and branches? (15:11)
 - 14. What command did Jesus give His disciples? (15:12)
- * 15. What is the greatest manifestation of love? (15:13)
 - 16. Who did Jesus say were His friends? (15:14)
- * 17. Why did Jesus call His disciples friends? (15:15)
 - 18. Why did Jesus choose His disciples? (15:16)
 - 19. What was Jesus' command? (15:17)

Get It

- 20. How are we to remain in Jesus? Why?
- 21. What does it mean to bear fruit as a Christian?
- 22. How are we to bear fruit?
- * 23. When is it difficult to develop and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus?
 - 24. In what way has God been removing "dead" or useless pieces from your character?
 - 25. In what way is your joy complete?
 - 26. When do you struggle with loving others the way Jesus has loved you?
- * 27. What kind of friend are you to Jesus?
 - 28. Why is it hard to be Jesus' friend?

- 29. What steps can you take to develop a more intimate relationship with Christ?
- * 30. How can you be a better friend to Jesus beginning today?

The World Hates the Disciples - John 15:18-16:4

Topics: Christianity, God, Guilt, Hatred, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Love, Miracles, Obedience, Persecution, Sin, Truth, Unbelievers, Witnessing, World

Open It

- * 1. What are some things that you hate or dislike?
 - 2. Why are some non-Christians antagonistic toward Christianity?
 - 3. What causes people to hate each other?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Jesus want His disciples to keep in mind? (15:18)
 - 5. Whom does the world love? (15:19)
 - 6. Why does the world hate Jesus' disciples? (15:19)
 - 7. What did Jesus want His disciples to remember? (15:20)
 - 8. What difference does it make that the world does not know God? (15:21)
 - 9. Why do the people of the world have no excuse for their sin? (15:22)
 - 10. What is the significance of hating Jesus? (15:23)
 - 11. What has made the world fully accountable for its sin? (15:24)
- * 12. What did the world's hatred fulfill? (15:25)
 - 13. What would the Counselor do when He came? (15:26)
 - 14. Why did Jesus say that His disciples must testify about Him? (15:27)
 - 15. For what reason did Jesus tell the disciples these things? (16:1,4)
- * 16. What was going to happen to the disciples for following Christ? (16:2-3)

Get It

- 17. What is "the world"?
- * 18. If you were one of Jesus' twelve disciples, how would you have responded to His warning about the world's hatred?
- * 19. How does the world today hate the followers of Jesus?
 - 20. When have you experienced the hatred of the world?
 - 21. How does the world today display its hatred for Jesus and God?
 - 22. How has God chosen you out of the world?
 - 23. How and when do you still feel a part of the world?
 - 24. Who is "the Counselor"?
 - 25. How does the Holy Spirit testify about Jesus to the world?
 - 26. How are you a testimony for Jesus?

- 27. How can you be a testimony for Jesus today? To whom?
- * 28. How should you adjust your expectations of being accepted by non-Christians?

The Work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:5-16

Topics: Believers, Convictions, Doctrine, God, Guidance, Guilt, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Knowledge, Righteousness, Sin, Teaching, Truth, Unbelievers, Wisdom, World

Open It

- 1. How did you feel the last time you were separated from a friend by a move?
- * 2. In what way can a conscience be both good and frustrating?

Explore It

- 3. Where did Jesus tell His disciples He was going? (16:5)
- 4. What hadn't the disciples asked Jesus? (16:5)
- 5. How did Jesus' disciples feel about His leaving? (16:6)
- 6. Why was it for His disciples' benefit that Jesus was leaving? (16:7)
- * 7. What would the Counselor do for the world? (16:8)
 - 8. What would the Counselor do for the world when He came? (16:8-11)
- * 9. What did Jesus say about the prince of this world? (16:11)
- * 10. What would the Spirit of truth do for Jesus' disciples when He came? (16:12-14)
 - 11. In what way would the Spirit bring Jesus glory? (16:14-15)
 - 12. When would the disciples see Jesus? (16:16)

Get It

- 13. Why do most people feel guilty when they commit a sin?
- 14. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, how would you have felt about His leaving?
- 15. How is the Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment?
- 16. Of what sins is the world guilty?
- * 17. What role do Christians and the church play in prodding the conscience of the world?
- * 18. How does the Holy Spirit teach believers?
 - 19. About what truth is the Holy Spirit presently teaching you?
 - 20. How has the Holy Spirit used you to bring glory to Jesus Christ?

- * 21. How can you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in reaching people who are dead in their sins?
 - 22. About what spiritual truths will you ask the Holy Spirit to teach you?

The Disciples' Grief Will Turn to Joy - John 16:17-33

Topics: Assurance, Believe, Encouragement, God, Grief, Hope, Jesus Christ, Joy, Love, Mourning, Pain, Peace, Prayer, Questions, Truth, Understanding, Words, World

Open It

- 1. When might you use a figure of speech to explain something? Why?
- 2. What painful experiences in your life have resulted in joy?
- * 3. When have you enthusiastically anticipated someone's return or arrival?

Explore It

- 4. How did the disciples react to Jesus' "in a little while" statement? (16:17-18)
- * 5. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to them? (16:19-20)
 - 6. To what did Jesus compare His disciples' response to His departure and return? (16:21-22)
 - 7. What did Jesus tell His disciples they would do when they saw Him again? (16:23)
 - 8. What hadn't the disciples done up until this point? (16:24)
 - 9. What kind of language did Jesus use to speak to His disciples? (16:25)
 - 10. Why did the Father love the disciples? (16:26-27)
- * 11. From where did Jesus come and to where was He going? (16:28)
 - 12. Why did the disciples say that they believed Jesus had come from God? (16:29-30)
 - 13. What did Jesus predict the disciples would do? (16:31-32)
 - 14. What did Jesus want for His disciples? (16:33)
- * 15. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to take heart? (16:33)

Get It

- 16. How would you have responded to Jesus' words had you been there with His disciples?
- * 17. What grief or sorrow in your life has God turned to joy?
 - 18. For what can we ask the Father?
 - 19. How has God made your joy complete?
- * 20. How does the knowledge of Jesus' return make you joyful?
 - 21. What figures of speech have helped you better understand spiritual truths?
 - 22. What relationship do we have with the Father today?
 - 23. What trouble do we have in the world as followers of Christ?
 - 24. How does the fact that Jesus has overcome the world encourage you?

- * 25. In the midst of trouble, on what encouraging truth from this passage will you rely?
 - 26. Because of your restored relationship with the Father, what can you ask Him to give to you in Jesus' name?
 - 27. What grief or sorrow do you need to entrust to God?

Jesus Prays for Himself - John 17:1-5

Topics: Authority, Depend, Eternal Life, Fellowship, Glory, God, Honor, Jesus Christ, Knowledge, People, Prayer, Work

Open It

- * 1. How do people try to bring recognition to themselves?
 - 2. What sort of relationship do you have with your parents?
 - 3. How would you describe "eternal life" to someone?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus do when He had finished speaking to His disciples? (17:1)
- 5. What did Jesus announce to the Father? (17:1)
- * 6. Why did Jesus want the Father to glorify the Son? (17:1)
- * 7. For what purpose did God grant Jesus authority over all people? (17:2)
 - 8. Whom were those given eternal life to know? (17:3)
 - 9. What is eternal life? (17:3)
 - 10. What had Jesus done by completing the work the Father had given him? (17:4)
- * 11. How did Jesus bring God glory on earth? (17:4)
 - 12. How did Jesus ask to be glorified? (17:5)
 - 13. With what glory did Jesus ask the Father to glorify Him? (17:5)

Get It

- 14. When do we turn to God in prayer?
- 15. About what sort of things do we usually pray?
- * 16. What example with regard to prayer did Jesus give us?
 - 17. How can we experience the eternal life of which Jesus spoke?
 - 18. What does it mean to know God?
- * 19. How can we bring glory to God?

- 20. What do you need to do to prepare for the joy of eternal life?
- * 21. What can you do today to bring God glory?

Jesus Prays for His Disciples - John 17:6-19

Topics: Glory, God, Hatred, Jesus Christ, Joy, Knowledge, Life-style, Obedience, Prayer, Protection, Satan, World

Open It

- 1. What do you like and dislike about living in this country?
- 2. What do you think is most challenging for a Christian living in today's society?
- * 3. In what way might you say the world is a dangerous place for a Christian to live?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus tell the Father He had done? (17:6)
- 5. What did Jesus say His disciples knew? (17:7-8)
- * 6. Why did Jesus pray for His disciples? (17:9)
 - 7. What did Jesus ask His Father to do for His disciples? (17:11)
 - 8. What did Jesus pray His disciples would become? (17:11)
 - 9. Who did Jesus say was lost? (17:12)
 - 10. Why did Jesus say these things while He was still in the world? (17:13)
- * 11. Why did the world hate Jesus' disciples? (17:14)
 - 12. What was Jesus' prayer concerning His disciples? (17:15)
- * 13. What relationship did Jesus' disciples have with the world? (17:16)
 - 14. How would Jesus' disciples be set aside for God's use? (17:17)
 - 15. Where did Jesus send His disciples? (17:18)
 - 16. Why did Jesus set Himself apart for God's use? (17:19)

Get It

- * 17. As believers, what is our relationship to the world?
 - 18. What does your life-style indicate about your relationship to the world?
- * 19. Why is it so easy for us to become closely involved in the world?
 - 20. Why do you think believers are still in the world?
 - 21. When and from what has God protected you?
 - 22. Where would you say you were in the process of being set apart for God's use?
 - 23. How does God's truth sanctify us or make us holy?

- * 24. What change in your life-style do you need to make to distinguish your identity from that of the world?
 - 25. What can you do today to set yourself apart to God's use?

Jesus Prays for All Believers - John 17:20-26

Topics: Believers, Creation, Divisions, Doctrine, Example, Fellowship, Glory, God, Jesus Christ, Love, People, Prayer, Unity, World

Open It

- * 1. When have you longed for unity in your family, church, or community?
 - 2. With what things or traditions do you identify?
 - 3. Why are religious beliefs divisive?

Explore It

- 4. For whom did Jesus pray? (17:20)
- * 5. Why did Jesus want all believers to be one? (17:21)
 - 6. What had Jesus given the disciples? (17:22)
 - 7. How did Jesus want believers to be unified? (17:22)
- * 8. What did Jesus want the world to know? (17:23)
 - 9. Why had the Father given glory to Jesus? (17:24)
 - 10. What did Jesus want for those the Father had given Him? (17:24)
 - 11. When did the Father love the Son? (17:24)
 - 12. What did Jesus say that the world did and did not know? (17:25)
- * 13. Why was Jesus going to continue to make the Father known? (17:26)

Get It

- 14. In what way are all Christians one?
- * 15. How are Christians today divided? Why?
 - 16. Why is unity so difficult for Christians to achieve?
 - 17. What does the world today know about the Father?
- * 18. How is the Father's relationship with the Son an example for us to follow in our relationships with other Christians?
 - 19. What relationship do you have with the Father and the Son?

- * 20. What can you do to promote unity among fellow Christians?
 - 21. How can you be a testimony of God's love to the world?
 - 22. What is one thing you can do this week to strengthen your bond with other Christians?

Jesus Arrested - John 18:1-11

Topics: Awe, Character, Denial, Doubt, Enemies, Fear, Friendship, God's Will, Hardheartedness, Intentions, Jesus Christ, Life-style, Opposition, Protection

Open It

- * 1. Why might a person betray a cause he or she had actively participated in?
 - 2. When have you ever felt betrayed by a person or a cause that you believed in?

Explore It

- 3. Where did Jesus and His disciples go when Jesus had finished praying? (18:1)
- * 4. How did Judas know about the place where Jesus and His disciples had gone? (18:2)
 - 5. Whom did Judas guide into the grove? (18:3)
 - 6. What question did Jesus ask Judas and the others with him? (18:4)
 - 7. How did Jesus identify Himself? (18:5)
- * 8. How did people react when Jesus identified Himself? (18:6-7)
- * 9. What did Jesus tell the soldiers and officials to do? (18:8)
 - 10. Why did Jesus tell the soldiers to release His disciples? (18:9)
 - 11. How did Peter respond to the threat to Jesus? (18:10)
 - 12. How did Jesus correct Peter? (18:11)

Get It

- 13. If you had been with Jesus the night He was arrested, how do you think you would have responded?
- * 14. How have you been betrayed by a friend?
 - 15. How would you respond if someone betrayed your best friend?
 - 16. In what way are you like Peter?
- * 17. How is Jesus' response to His betrayal an example for us to follow?
 - 18. How do we betray Jesus with our words and conduct?

- * 19. What do you want to remember about Christ the next time someone lets you down?
 - 20. What aspect of your life-style should you change so that you don't betray Jesus with either your words or deeds?

Jesus Taken to Annas - John 18:12-14

Topics: Atonement, Authority, Hardheartedness, Humiliation, Jesus Christ, Persecution, Unbelievers

Open It

- 1. About which modern leaders might it be said that they sacrificed their life for their duty?
- * 2. Who are today's recognized religious authorities?

Explore It

- 3. What authorities participated in Jesus' arrest? (18:12)
- 4. Who arrested Jesus? (18:12)
- 5. What did the soldiers and Jewish officials do to Jesus? (18:12)
- 6. How was Jesus treated by His captors? (18:12-13)
- * 7. To whom was Jesus taken first? (18:13)
 - 8. What was Annas' relationship to Caiaphas? (18:13)
- * 9. What duty was Caiaphas fulfilling that year? (18:13)
- * 10. About what had Caiaphas advised the Jews? (18:14)
 - 11. Why did Caiaphas think it good that one man die for the people? (18:14)
 - 12. What was ironic about Caiaphas' remarks about Jesus? (18:14)

Get It

- 13. How do you think Jesus felt when He was arrested?
- 14. When have you ever felt humiliated for being a Christian?
- * 15. How would you feel if you were falsely arrested? What would you do?
 - 16. What religious authorities do you respect?
- * 17. If Jesus were arrested today, to what religious authority might He be taken?

- 18. Following Jesus' example, how will you respond when you are wrongly mistreated?
- * 19. How should you pray for the religious authorities in your church or denomination this week?

Peter's First Denial - John 18:15-18

Topics: Denial, Disobedience, Doubt, Enemies, Forsake, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Loyalty, Privilege

Open It

- 1. Who is someone you would say is "well connected with the right people"?
- * 2. Who is someone you would describe as being loyal?
 - 3. When was a time you got caught lying as a child?

Explore It

- 4. Who followed Jesus? (18:15)
- 5. How did Peter's companion get into the high priest's courtyard? (18:15)
- 6. How did the unnamed disciple manage to follow Jesus into the courtyard? (18:15)
- 7. Why did Peter have to wait outside? (18:16)
- 8. Where did Peter have to wait? (18:16)
- * 9. How did Peter get into the courtyard? (18:16)
 - 10. What did the girl at the door of the courtyard ask Peter? (18:17)
- * 11. How did Peter reply to the question about his association with Jesus? (18:17)
 - 12. Why was Peter standing around with the servants and officials? (18:18)
- * 13. With whom did Peter warm himself inside the courtyard? (18:18)

Get It

- 14. What inside connections do you have in the church?
- 15. How do you use your inside connections in the church and elsewhere?
- 16. Into what potentially dangerous situations has your faith gotten you?
- * 17. Under what circumstances might you be tempted to deny knowing Jesus?
 - 18. When and why have you denied knowing Jesus by either your words or your life-style?
- * 19. With what enemies of Christ do we sometimes associate?

- 20. How can you use your inside connections to benefit others this week?
- * 21. What can you do to affirm your relationship with Jesus Christ before others?
 - 22. In what areas of your life do you want to express your loyalty to Jesus more openly?

The High Priest Questions Jesus - John 18:19-24

Topics: Authority, Challenge, Church, Consequences, Convictions, Courage, Discipline, Disobedience, Enemies, Hardheartedness, Hatred, Injustice, Jesus Christ, Persecution, Punishment, Self-righteousness, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. Who is someone who has been harassed for speaking the truth?
 - 2. When do you think it would be necessary to challenge an established authority?

Explore It

- 3. About what did the high priest question Jesus? (18:19)
- 4. Who questioned Jesus about His teaching? (18:19)
- 5. In what way did Jesus say that He had always spoken? (18:20)
- 6. Where did Jesus say that He had always spoken? (18:20)
- 7. Why did Jesus advise the high priest to ask those who heard Him? (18:21)
- * 8. To whom did Jesus tell the high priest he should ask his questions? (18:21)
- * 9. Why did one of the officials strike Jesus? (18:22)
- * 10. What did Jesus say in response to being hit? (18:23)
 - 11. To whom did Annas send Jesus? (18:24)
 - 12. How was Jesus sent to Caiaphas? (18:24)

Get It

- 13. What thoughts do you think were running through Jesus' mind while He was being interrogated?
- * 14. When have you felt as if you were being interrogated because of your faith?
 - 15. Who are the respected authorities in the church today?
 - 16. When have you found it necessary to challenge a respected authority or belief?
 - 17. What effect do you think Jesus' reply had on the official who hit him?
- * 18. What would the people with whom you talk on a regular basis say about your "teachings"?
 - 19. When have you been punished or disciplined for speaking the truth?

- * 20. What is one truth you need to speak today regardless of the consequences?
 - 21. What can you change about your speech in order to be a more open and consistent follower of Jesus?

Peter's Second and Third Denials - John 18:25-27

Topics: Backslide, Christianity, Circumstances, Commitment, Compromise, Denial, Enemies, Failure, Jesus Christ, Lifestyle, Peer Pressure, Persecution, Self-centeredness, Temptation

Open It

- * 1. Why are people sometimes tempted to compromise their beliefs, principles, or standards?
 - 2. When have you told a lie that caused you pain later?

Explore It

- 3. What was Peter doing? (18:25)
- 4. What question was Peter asked as he tried to keep warm? (18:25)
- * 5. How did Peter respond to the question about his association with Jesus? (18:25)
- * 6. Who challenged Peter's statement? (18:25)
 - 7. What did the people around the fire believe to be true about Peter? (18:25-26)
 - 8. To whom was one of the high priest's servants related? (18:26)
 - 9. Where had the high priest's servant seen Peter? (18:26)
 - 10. What did the high priest's servant ask Peter? (18:26)
 - 11. How did Peter respond to the question asked by the high priest's servant? (18:26-27)
- * 12. What happened the moment Peter denied knowing Christ a third time? (18:27)

Get It

- 13. What thoughts do you think were running through Peter's mind?
- * 14. Had you been in Peter's shoes, what reasons might you have had for denying that you were a disciple of Christ?
 - 15. When have you found yourself in a situation that was hostile to Jesus Christ?
 - 16. What self-protective reasons might tempt us to deny that we are followers of Christ?
- * 17. When and where is it hardest for you to openly acknowledge your relationship with Christ?

- * 18. Under what circumstances do you need to determine to live openly as a follower of Christ?
 - 19. What pressure should you ask God to help you resist?
 - 20. What self-centered attitude will you ask God to help you change?

Jesus Before Pilate - John 18:28-40

Topics: Acceptance, Ambition, Consequences, Fear, Jesus Christ, Justice, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Law, Legalism, Obedience, Opposition, Peer Pressure, Position, Priorities, Rationalizing, Rules, Status, Truth

Open It

- * 1. How might a politician rationalize his or her bending of the rules in order to please a group of concerned citizens?
 - 2. When have you been tempted to do what works rather than what's right?

Explore It

- 3. Why didn't the Jews who lead Jesus to the Roman governor enter the palace? (18:28)
- 4. How did the Jews introduce Jesus to the governor Pilate? (18:28-30)
- * 5. What did Pilate want the Jews to do with Jesus? (18:31)
 - 6. How was prophecy fulfilled by this event? (18:32)
 - 7. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? (18:33)
 - 8. What question did Jesus ask Pilate in reply? (18:34)
 - 9. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His kingdom? (18:36)
- * 10. How did Jesus affirm Pilate? (18:37)
 - 11. What last question did Pilate have for Jesus? (18:38)
- * 12. What choice did Pilate present to the Jews? (18:38-39)
 - 13. What choice did the Jews make? (18:40)

Get It

- 14. Why is it easier to observe religious traditions than to love other people?
- * 15. When have you felt betrayed or used by people hiding behind religious motives?
- * 16. When, like Jesus, have you been willing to stand your ground regardless of the consequences?
 - 17. When, like Pilate, have you been willing to sacrifice your principles in order to do something self-serving?
 - 18. How would you answer the question, "What is truth?"
 - 19. How is Jesus the King in your life?

- * 20. In what settings might you need to stand up for the truth this week regardless of the consequences?
 - 21. What is one way you can rearrange your priorities this week in honor of God as King over you?

Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified - John 19:1-16

Topics: Beliefs, Character, Circumstances, Convictions, Fear, Hardheartedness, Hypocrisy, Jesus Christ, Peer Pressure, Power, Self-centeredness, Status, Truth

Open It

- * 1. What pressure tactics do special interest groups use on politicians?
 - 2. In what ways do people sometimes compromise what's important in order to advance their career or status?

Explore It

- 3. What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus? (19:1-3)
- 4. To what conclusion had Pilate come concerning Jesus? (19:4-5)
- 5. How did the Jews react when Pilate presented Jesus to them? (19:6)
- 6. What did Pilate want the Jews to do with Jesus? (19:6)
- * 7. Why did the Jews insist that Jesus had to die? (19:7)
 - 8. How did Pilate respond to the Jews' demands? (19:8-9)
 - 9. What authority did Pilate claim to have? (19:10)
 - 10. What authority did Pilate really have? (19:11)
 - 11. What did Pilate try to do for Jesus? (19:12)
- * 12. How did the Jews pressure Pilate to give in to their demand to crucify Jesus? (19:12)
- * 13. How did Pilate respond to the Jews' pressure tactics? (19:13-16)
 - 14. Whom did the crowd claim as their king? (19:15)

Get It

- 15. What would you have done had you been in Pilate's situation?
- * 16. What position or possession might you be tempted to preserve at the expense of doing the right thing?
- * 17. When and why might we allow the pressures of the moment to compromise our beliefs or standards?
 - 18. Who or what are the "kings" that people worship today?
 - 19. What person or thing often competes with God for rule of your life?

- 20. How can you make Jesus the King of your life?
- * 21. What pressure to compromise your principles will you determine to resist this week?
 - 22. How can you use your status or position of power to do right and help others?

The Crucifixion - John 19:17-27

Topics: Atonement, Believers, Caring, Enemies, Family, Humiliation, Jesus Christ, Love, Sacrifice, Suffering, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. What sort of sacrifices did your parents make for you?
 - 2. What to you is the most humiliating situation you can imagine?

Explore It

- 3. To where was Jesus forced to take His own cross? (19:17)
- * 4. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (19:18)
 - 5. Who was crucified with Jesus? (19:18)
 - 6. What notice did Pilate have fastened to Jesus' cross? (19:19)
- * 7. How did the chief priests want Pilate to change the sign over Jesus' head? (19:21)
 - 8. What did Pilate tell the chief priests? (19:22)
- * 9. What happened to Jesus' clothes? (19:23-24)
 - 10. Why were Jesus' clothes divided among the soldiers? (19:24)
 - 11. Who stood near the cross of Jesus? (19:25)
 - 12. What did Jesus say to His mother and the disciple with her? (19:26-27)

Get It

- 13. Why do you think Pilate had the notice placed on the cross?
- * 14. If you had been a member of Jesus' family or one of His disciples, how do you think you would have reacted to His crucifixion?
 - 15. How was Jesus humiliated?
 - 16. What sort of humiliation did Jesus suffer?
- * 17. What humiliation have you suffered for being a Christian?
 - 18. How can we sacrifice our wants and desires so that others might benefit?
 - 19. In what way has God's family become your family?
 - 20. To what degree are we responsible for caring for the needs of other believers?

- * 21. What want or desire can you sacrifice so that someone else might benefit? How?
 - 22. How can you care for another Christian's needs this week?

The Death of Jesus - John 19:28-37

Topics: Atonement, Beliefs, Believe, Bible, Body, Death, Faith, Jesus Christ, Prophecy, Sacrifice

Open It

- 1. What is one important event you have witnessed?
- 2. What is your idea of "expensive"?
- * 3. What is one project of yours that is still unfinished?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Jesus know during His last moments on the cross? (19:28)
 - 5. What did Jesus ask for during His last minutes of life? (19:28)
 - 6. What was Jesus given to drink? (19:29)
- * 7. What did Jesus do once He had received the drink? (19:30)
 - 8. Why didn't the Jews want the bodies of those crucified left on the cross? (19:31)
 - 9. What did the soldiers do to the men who had been crucified with Jesus? (19:32)
 - 10. What did the soldiers discover when they came to Jesus? (19:33)
 - 11. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? (19:34)
 - 12. Why did John record the details of Jesus' death? (19:35)
- * 13. What was fulfilled by the circumstances of Jesus' death? (19:36-37)

Get It

- 14. How important are the historical eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to your faith in Him?
- * 15. What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"?
 - 16. How does this account of Jesus' crucifixion make you feel?
 - 17. What does Jesus' death mean to us?
- * 18. What is significant about Jesus' death on the cross?
 - 19. What price did Jesus pay for our sins?
 - 20. How was Jesus able to endure the suffering of the Cross?
 - 21. What significance does the fulfillment of Scripture in the Gospels have for your belief in Jesus today?
 - 22. Whose testimony persuaded you to believe in Jesus?
 - 23. How has your testimony influenced others to believe in Jesus?

- * 24. How can you thank Jesus today for His sacrifice on the cross?
 - 25. How can you use the testimony of Christ's crucifixion in telling others about Christ?

The Burial of Jesus - John 19:38-42

Topics: Believe, Christianity, Courage, Death, Faith, Fear, Jesus Christ, Loyalty, Peer Pressure, Sorrow, Traditions

Open It

- 1. What is one misdeed or truth that you kept secret when you were growing up?
- * 2. What is one fact about you that most of your friends don't know?
 - 3. In what way do some Christians try to keep their faith hidden or secret? Why?

Explore It

- 4. How did Joseph ask Pilate for Jesus' body? (19:38)
- 5. Who went to get Jesus' body? (19:38)
- * 6. Why did Joseph go to see Pilate? (19:38)
- * 7. Why was Joseph a secret disciple? (19:38)
- * 8. What was significant about the person who went with Joseph to take away Jesus' body? (19:39)
 - 9. How did Joseph and Nicodemus prepare Jesus' body for burial? (19:40)
 - 10. Where was the tomb in which Jesus was buried? (19:41)
 - 11. In what kind of tomb was Jesus buried? (19:41)
 - 12. Why did Joseph and Nicodemus put Jesus in the particular tomb they chose? (19:42)
 - 13. What holiday affected the preparations for Jesus' burial? How? (19:42)
 - 14. How did the "Day of Preparation" affect the way in which Jesus was buried? (19:42)

Get It

- * 15. When and why have you been a secret disciple of Jesus?
 - 16. When have you recently revealed your faith in Christ either by your words or actions?
- * 17. When have you taken a stand that you were previously afraid to take?
 - 18. When have you been willing to go out of your way to serve Jesus?
 - 19. When are you most tempted to do only what is convenient?

- * 20. To whom do you want to reveal openly that you are a disciple of Jesus?
 - 21. How can you serve Christ this week regardless of the inconvenience you expect it to involve?

The Empty Tomb - John 20:1-9

Topics: Basics of the Faith, Believe, Death, Doctrine, Doubt, Expectations, Fear, Jesus Christ, Prophecy, Resurrection, Running, Sorrow, Surprises, Understanding

Open It

- 1. What is one dark moment of your life that ended happily?
- * 2. Why do people visit the grave sites of close friends and family members?
 - 3. About what sort of news would you get excited right now?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Mary Magdalene discover when she went to Jesus' tomb? (20:1)
 - 5. What did Mary Magdalene tell Peter? When? (20:2)
 - 6. Who responded to the news Mary brought? (20:3)
- * 7. How did Peter respond to what Mary told him? (20:3)
 - 8. Who examined Jesus' tomb? (20:4-5)
 - 9. What did John discover when he arrived at the tomb? (20:4-5)
 - 10. What did Peter discover when he arrived at the tomb? (20:6-7)
 - 11. What did John do after he looked in the tomb? (20:8)
- * 12. How did John respond to what he found in the tomb? (20:8)
 - 13. What did Peter and John not understand even after they visited Jesus' empty tomb? (20:9)

Get It

- 14. Why do you think Mary went to the tomb?
- * 15. If you had been either Mary, Peter, or John, what thoughts would have run through your mind when you discovered the empty tomb?
 - 16. When have you made an exciting, unexpected discovery?
 - 17. How do you usually respond to life's unexpected events?
- * 18. What motivates us to share our surprises (both pleasant and unpleasant) with other people?
 - 19. When has a positive happening in your life appeared at first to be a confusing, unfortunate, or tragic event?

- 20. What truths of the gospel do you want to investigate more closely over the next few weeks? How can you?
- * 21. Whom do you need to tell about the empty tomb of Christ? How?
 - 22. How can you celebrate the resurrection of Christ next Easter?

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene - John 20:10-18

Topics: Affections, Angels, Death, Devotion, Discouragement, Emotions, Encouragement, God, Jesus Christ, Joy, Love, Relationships, Resurrection, Surprises

Open It

- 1. How has someone recently surprised you with what he or she did or said?
- * 2. What is the most exciting news you've heard this week?

Explore It

- 3. What did Mary and the disciples do after seeing that Jesus' body was gone? (20:10-11)
- 4. What did Mary see where Jesus' body had been? (20:12)
- * 5. What did the angels ask Mary? (20:13)
 - 6. How did Mary answer the angels' question? (20:13)
 - 7. Who tried to comfort Mary? (20:14-15)
 - 8. What question did Jesus ask Mary? (20:15)
 - 9. How did Mary respond to Jesus' question? (20:15)
- * 10. What happened when Mary realized who was talking to her? (20:16)
 - 11. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to Him? (20:17)
- * 12. What did Jesus tell Mary to tell His brothers? (20:17)
 - 13. What did Mary do? (20:18)

Get It

- 14. How would you respond if you met someone you had presumed to be dead?
- 15. What would you do if you saw an angel?
- 16. Over what loss have you recently shed tears?
- 17. How do you think Mary felt when she realized she was talking to Jesus?
- 18. When is it tempting to hold on to something good rather than share it with others?
- * 19. If you had been one of the disciples who had heard Mary's exciting news, how do you think you would have reacted?
- * 20. When have you been exceptionally thrilled about your relationship with Christ?
 - 21. How can you demonstrate your devotion to Jesus?

- 22. Who is someone you want to tell about the news of Jesus' resurrection? How can you?
- * 23. How can you celebrate your relationship with the living Christ this week?

Jesus Appears to His Disciples - John 20:19-23

Topics: Evidence, Fear, Forgiveness, God, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Joy, Peace, Resurrection, Sin

Open It

- 1. Where is it dangerous to openly follow Christ today?
- 2. What hideaways did you have when you were growing up?
- * 3. What friend or relative that you haven't seen for a while would you be overjoyed to see again?

Explore It

- 4. What day of the week was it when the disciples were together? (20:19)
- 5. Why did the disciples have the doors locked? (20:19)
- 6. Who surprised the disciples in their hideaway? (20:19)
- * 7. What did Jesus say to the disciples? When? (20:19)
 - 8. What did Jesus show His disciples? Why? (20:20)
- * 9. How did the disciples respond to seeing Jesus? (20:20)
 - 10. What greeting did Jesus repeat? (20:21)
 - 11. What did Jesus tell His disciples about their future? (20:21)
 - 12. Why did Jesus breathe on His disciples? (20:22)
 - 13. What did Jesus tell the disciples to receive? (20:22)
- * 14. What did Jesus tell His disciples about forgiving sins? (20:23)

Get It

- 15. When have you been afraid to follow Jesus openly?
- * 16. If you had been in that room with the disciples, how might you have reacted when Jesus appeared?
- * 17. When have you been overjoyed to see someone?
 - 18. To whom has Jesus sent us?
 - 19. To whom has Jesus sent you?
 - 20. Why is it important for us to forgive others?
 - 21. When is it most difficult for you to forgive?
 - 22. What can we do to become forgiving of others?

- 23. Whom do you need to forgive?
- 24. Whose forgiveness do you need to seek? How can you?
- * 25. With whom do you want to share your joy in Christ?

Jesus Appears to Thomas - John 20:24-31

Topics: Believe, Bible, Christianity, Confession, Doubt, Eternal Life, Evidence, God, Jesus Christ, Life, Miracles, Peace, Resurrection, Salvation

Open It

- 1. Why do people write books?
- * 2. What book (besides the Bible) have you enjoyed most?
 - 3. When have you doubted a story from a reliable source?

Explore It

- 4. What disciple was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them? (20:24)
- 5. What had the other disciples told Thomas? (20:24)
- * 6. What did Thomas say he needed in order to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? (20:25)
 - 7. How did Jesus restore Thomas's faith? (20:26)
- * 8. What did Jesus say to Thomas? (20:27)
 - 9. What did Thomas say in response to Jesus' words? (20:28)
- * 10. What did Jesus say about seeing and believing? (20:29)
 - 11. What did John leave out of his Gospel? (20:30)
 - 12. Why was the book of John written? (20:31)
 - 13. What results from believing that Jesus is the Son of God? (20:31)

Get It

- 14. When have you had doubts about your faith in Christ?
- 15. How should we deal with our doubts about Christianity?
- * 16. Why is it difficult to believe in Christ?
 - 17. In what ways do we need to trust Christ?
 - 18. On what evidence do you rely for your belief that Jesus rose from the dead?
- * 19. What sort of evidence for the truth of Christianity has John given us?

- 20. What doubts concerning your faith in Christ do you want to discuss with a knowledgeable believer?
- 21. How can you use the Gospel of John to tell others about Jesus?

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish - John 21:1-14

Topics: Abundance, Devotion, Fellowship, Jesus Christ, Miracles, Needs

Open It

- 1. What are some of your hobbies or favorite pastimes?
- 2. Why do people enjoy eating together?
- 3. What kind of foods do you like to prepare when you have people over for dinner?
- * 4. With whom have you recently shared a meal?

Explore It

- 5. When did Jesus appear to His disciples? (21:1)
- 6. What familiar activity did several of Jesus' disciples do together? (21:2-3)
- 7. Who had gone out to fish? (21:2-3)
- 8. How successful had Peter and the others been at fishing that night? (21:3)
- 9. What did Jesus ask His disciples? (21:5)
- 10. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (21:6)
- * 11. What happened when the disciples did what Jesus had told them to do? (21:6)
 - 12. What did Peter do when he realized that it was the Lord who was talking? (21:7)
- * 13. What did Jesus ask His disciples to do once they were on shore? (21:8-10)
 - 14. Why didn't the disciples ask Jesus who He was? (21:12)
- * 15. What did Jesus do with the bread and fish? (21:13)
 - 16. How many times had Jesus appeared to His disciples? (21:14)

Get It

- 17. Why do you think several of Jesus' disciples went fishing?
- 18. How has God brought you together with other Christians?
- * 19. When have you been so glad to see someone that you just had to run out to meet that person?
 - 20. Why is it hard for us to see God working in our lives?
 - 21. Through what ordinary events in life have you encountered Jesus?
 - 22. When has God miraculously and abundantly provided for your needs?
- * 23. When do you experience fellowship with Jesus?

- * 24. What steps can you take to have fellowship with God today?
 - 25. For what specific need that God has met in your life will you thank Him today?

Jesus Reinstates Peter - John 21:15-25

Topics: Caring, Death, Glory, God, Jesus Christ, Love, Serving, Witnessing

Open It

- * 1. Who are some people who have died for their beliefs?
 - 2. When did you ever have to restore a broken relationship?
 - 3. When have you taken care of another person?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus ask Peter three times? (21:15-17)
- 5. What did Jesus tell Peter to do? (21:15-17)
- 6. How did Peter feel after Jesus had asked him the same question three times? (21:17)
- 7. What did Jesus predict about Peter's future? (21:18-19)
- 8. What command did Jesus give to Peter? (21:19)
- * 9. What concern did Peter raise? (21:20-21)
- * 10. With what did Jesus want Peter to concern himself? (21:22)
 - 11. How did Jesus want Peter to serve Him? (21:22)
 - 12. What rumor spread as the result of Jesus' talk with Peter? (21:23)
- * 13. How did John serve Christ after Jesus left earth? (21:24)
 - 14. What did John do with the testimony he had concerning Jesus? (21:24)
 - 15. How many of Jesus' deeds did John leave out of his Gospel? (21:25)

Get It

- 16. How should we demonstrate our love for Jesus?
- 17. Who are Jesus' sheep?
- 18. How are we to serve and care for other Christians?
- * 19. How do we each serve God in a unique way?
- * 20. How can you bring glory to God through your life and the unique opportunities God has given you?
 - 21. What might cause us to be more concerned about someone else's relationship with Christ than our own?

- * 22. How can you focus your attention solely on your service to God this week?
 - 23. How can you serve or care for a fellow Christian?