



The Gospel of John

Path 1: The Gospel of John

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Disciple-makers,

The Gospel Journey is about studying the Word of God, led by the Spirit of God, in a discipleship relationship, to grow in the grace of the Gospel. The Field Guide is NOT to be taught as a Bible Study or even as the primary curriculum for the Gospel Journey. The curriculum is the Word of God, and we want there to be great freedom for those in a group to discuss what the Holy Spirit has been revealing to them in their study that week. We do not want the discussion to be limited to the content covered in the Field Guide.

With that being said, the Field Guide is an effort to prepare you for significant theological terms, concepts, and themes that will likely arise in the course of discussion in a given week of reading. Thus, we encourage you to read over the content we have chosen to include in the Field Guide a couple times before your weekly discussion, so that you are able to explain these terms, concepts, and themes faithfully and clearly as they come up. If they do not come up naturally, we'd encourage you to bring them up at some point in the discussion, as we believe they are things that a mature and equipped disciple of Christ needs to understand.

Again, our hope is that far more than what is covered in the Field Guide be brought up in discussion each week, and that this tool might prepare you to explain foundational Gospel terms, concepts, and themes found in each week's reading. Ultimately the Gospel Journey is about studying the Word of God, led by the Spirit of God, in a discipleship relationship, in order to grow in the grace of the Gospel. May your journey be blessed!

The Harvest Team

Incarnation

When Jesus walked on this Earth, He was “God in flesh.” The idea of God becoming man through a virgin birth is a foundational truth of our faith (Phil.2:6-11). While this is a difficult concept to fully grasp, the Bible makes it clear that in His incarnation, Jesus is both 100% God and 100% man. He took on flesh to identify with us in our humanity (Heb.4:15) and to live a life perfect according to the righteous requirement of the Law, so that He might be a suitable sacrifice for the sin of mankind. Only one with no sin of His own could be offered as a sacrifice for the sin of others.

Lamb of God

Throughout the Old Testament we see lambs offered as a form of atoning sacrifice for the sins of humans. This was God’s idea, and is first seen in Genesis 3 when sin first enters the world, bringing death as its consequence. In response to their sin, Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves in shame and in an effort to hide. God, however, responded quite differently. He covers Adam and Eve with animal skins. In doing so, we first see the idea that someone must die in our place for our sin to be atoned for. The theme of a lamb sacrificed as a substitutionary atonement for the sin of man grows more and

more prominent throughout the Old Testament. One example is when Abraham was given a ram to sacrifice in place of his son Isaac. Another, when Israel was commanded to sacrifice lambs at the first “Passover” when God would “pass over” their homes in judgment because they were protected under covenant with Him as seen in the blood of a Lamb. Finally, at Sinai when Israel learned to offer up a scapegoat for the sin of the nation at Yom Kippur each year. When John the Baptist finally comes on the scene as a forerunner of the Messiah, the first thing we hear him declare about Jesus is, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” The idea is clear: all of those lambs offered as temporary sacrifices for the sin of mankind pointed to THE LAMB OF GOD who would be THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for the sin of the world. Lambs no longer must be sacrificed for our sin, as Jesus’ sacrifice would be sufficient once and for all, and we can be saved by grace through faith in Him. (Heb.9:12-14,22)

Come and See

Jesus’ ministry began with an invitation to a few, and His invitation was to “come and see” His life and ministry. As they did, they became more and more drawn to Him, and soon enamored with Him, and ultimately would give their lives to following Him as His disciples. Once commissioned, their ministry would be one of invitation as well, always offering the “Kingdom

of God” to those who hungered and thirsted for the life that can only be found in Christ. And those who responded were raised up as disciples until they were able to make other disciples as well. The ministry of Christ continues today, and His invitation to come and see the beauty of the Gospel is for ALL, and is presented through His current disciples. As Christians, one of our greatest privileges is to extend the invitation of our Lord to others, that they might come and see the life and ministry of Jesus, which lives on in us, and experience the glorious grace of the Gospel.

Passion/Zeal for Holiness

Jesus passion for the holiness of God is evident in His actions in the temple. The temple was meant to be the place where all peoples would go to worship the one true God, but the religious elite saw the business opportunity available in preying on people’s desire to be right with God, and made the house of God into a marketplace of worldliness and greed. In I Corinthians 6:20, Paul instructs the Corinthian believers that as Christians, our bodies, indwelt by the Holy Spirit at conversion, are the very dwelling place of God through His Spirit. Thus our bodies are as “temples of the Holy Spirit” and are meant to be kept holy unto God and not to be defiled in wickedness and greed as was being done to God’s dwelling place in Jesus’ day.

Gospel Response

Our hope is that as we read and meditate on God's Word each week, the Holy Spirit would impress God's Truth on our minds, and root it deeply into our hearts, stirring our affections for Christ and producing in us a life of repentance and faith. In response to this week's reading, we pray God would cultivate in all of our hearts... worship and awe for God's revealed plan for man's salvation through the incarnation and ultimate sacrifice of His own Son, amazement at God's love for us and the humility of Christ, a greater understanding that sin leads to death, a greater desire to bring people to Jesus, a passion to live a life that reflects God's holiness to the world...and so much more! The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. The Word of God stands forever. May God sow His Word deep in our hearts and conform us into the image of His Son by the power of His Spirit, and may He be glorified in us!

New Birth/Regeneration

Through Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, we see that in order to be saved, one **MUST** be born again! The new birth Jesus is speaking of is a spiritual birth, brought upon the believer by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, through which one repents of his/her sin and puts his/her trust in Jesus, and is thereby saved by grace through faith in Jesus and secured by His righteousness. There is no salvation apart from this new birth. One **MUST** be born again, not merely physically (of water), but spiritually (of the Spirit). Once someone is born again, they are a new creation in Christ! Salvation is not about whether you're good or bad; we're all bad. "We've ALL sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23). "There is **NO ONE** righteous, not even one" (Rom.3:10). Salvation is about whether you're still dead in your sin or alive in Christ. To be alive in Christ means you've been justified (the moment in which you are declared righteous by grace through faith), and are being sanctified (the process by which you are made righteous by grace through faith). Once we've been born again, we have been justified and are being sanctified. Just as we share in the death of Christ in the forgiveness of sin, we share in the resurrection of Christ and the newness of life.

God's Love

God loved us so much that while we were still in sin and rebellion before Him, He sent his Only Begotten Son to die in our place and for our sin, making a way for us to be justly forgiven of our sin and reconciled to Him! The reality of God's love for us is clearly expressed in John 3:16 and clearly demonstrated in the way that Jesus loves the woman at the well (Jn.4:1-45).

Eternal Life

Jesus declares very clearly that eternal life comes only through Him. We see in John 3:16 and 5:24. there are only two types of people: those who receive eternal life in Christ by trusting in His righteousness and not their own, and those who have rejected Him and remain guilty before God. (I Cor.5:18-6:1).

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In response to this week's reading, we pray God would cultivate in all of our hearts... a deep appreciation for what Christ has done to make us new creations, an overwhelming awareness of God's unfailing love, an eternal perspective that comes from knowing this world is not our ultimate home, joy in trusting the Lord and living FROM His approval and not FOR His approval... and so much more!

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Eternal Security

In John 6:37-40, Jesus speaks to the security of our salvation. The idea is that a truly saved person cannot lose his/her salvation. Once we've been grafted into the Body of Christ, we cannot be lost again. We're saved by virtue of HIS righteousness and not ours (Jn.10:27-30). Therefore, we do not have to live our lives trying to behave well enough to "earn" His love. His love for us has been secured in the finished work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. As Christians, we live IN and BY the grace of God. The reason we are eternally secure is that by God's grace, through His power, and with the help of His Holy Spirit, the true believer will persevere to the end in Christ. This truth brings us peace and inspires us to live fully for the One who has loved us from eternity past to eternity future.

Bread of Life

Here we find the first of seven "I Am" statements in John. When Jesus claims to be the "bread of life," He is claiming to be the only source that can satisfy our spiritual hunger, and that He indeed will do so. The temptation is to turn from the bread of life to the bread of this world. When we do this, we become spiritually malnourished. When this happens, we must remember the words of Christ, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me shall not hunger" and repent of our sin and turn back to Jesus.

Rejection

Jesus has the words of eternal life, but many will reject Him. Jesus experienced widespread rejection in His day, even from family and friends. Likewise, in following Jesus, we too will experience rejection. Remembering that we have “no place else to go” (Jn.6:68) motivates us to stand firm in Christ!

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Light of the World (I AM)

Jesus is the light of the world. He exposes the darkness of our sinful ways and illumines our minds to truth, the truth of who He is, which is the truth that will set us free. When we walk with Jesus, we walk in the light, which means we will live lives of transparency and regular confession. (Jas.5:15)

Freedom in Christ

Jesus says that when we are dead in our sin, as we all are apart from Christ, we are slaves to sin. It controls us. It is our master. And the only way to be FREE of its shackles is by placing our hope and our trust in Christ, who then gives us His Holy Spirit, who frees us from the bondage of sin. This doesn't mean we won't sin again, but it does mean we're not controlled by sin. We have a new master, a loving master whose love for us produces in us a desire to obey, and in obedience to Him we find deep and abiding joy. As we abide in Christ, He abides in us through the power of His Holy Spirit, and through HIS power, we can truly live in freedom from sin. Gal.5:13; Rom.8:4-11; Eph.2:10).

The Good Shepherd (I AM)

“Sheep” and “shepherds” are used consistently as metaphors describing our relationship with Christ throughout Scripture. Sheep are one of the few defenseless animals, and are therefore completely dependent on the help of a shepherd. Jesus speaks here of being the “Good Shepherd.” The idea is clear: He knows what’s best for us, He leads us, He provides for us, He protects us, and He lays down His life for us. As his sheep, we simply follow Him. We listen and respond to His guidance with joyful thanksgiving in our hearts, knowing that our Shepherd loves us perfectly!

The Gate/Door (I AM)

In Jesus’ day, the image of a shepherd serving as a gate was common. A good shepherd would lay at the gate so that the only way someone could come into or out of the sheep pen was through him. He would keep out those who wanted to come and steal the sheep, and keep in those sheep who in their ignorance or stubbornness wanted to get out. And so it is for us that Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we must pass to enter into the fold of God, and once in His fold, we are secured by Him as well.

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Eternal Security of the Believer

No one that belongs to Jesus Christ can be snatched out of His hand. The eternal security of our salvation is based on Christ's righteousness and not our own. As long as He remains righteous, all who have trusted in Him remain secure. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ and we are secure by grace through faith in Christ.

(Eph.1:12-17; Rom.5:1-8; Rom.8:31-39)

Ressurrection and the Life (I AM)

While some try to portray Jesus as merely a good teacher, His claims go far beyond that. In this passage Jesus claims to be the resurrection and the life, and declares that, "Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." Jesus is saying that any who believe in Him, though physically they perish, will be raised to everlasting life with Him in heaven. If we are found in Him, we have eternal life with Him. This is great news for the Christian!

The Compassion of Christ

Jesus' life and ministry are marked by compassion. Compassion is the idea of suffering with, and Jesus literally suffers with us! In this

story, Jesus' compassion is seen as He aches over the loss of His good friend Lazarus, to the point of weeping. He wept with those who wept. He cared greatly for Mary and Martha in their loss. His compassion moves Him to raise Lazarus from the dead. In Jesus, we have a Lord and Savior who aches for us, and aches with us in moments of sorrow, hurt, and suffering.

Triumphal Entry

Jesus' followers lived in anticipation of His coming Kingdom. They believed that He would re-establish the throne of King David and rule over His enemies, as prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Zechariah prophesies the Messiah will come to Jerusalem one day riding on the foal of a donkey (Zech.9:9). The triumphal entry, as described in this week's reading, brings the fulfillment of that prophecy, which identifies Jesus as the Messiah. However, this triumphal entry will not end in Christ being crowned as King. It will end in His crucifixion. One day He will indeed come to reign, but first He came to die for the sin of mankind. So this scene is both a fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah as well as a foreshadowing of His coming again one day, when He will establish His Kingdom and reign over all the Earth.

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Dying To Live

Jesus came to lay down His life so that we could have life in Him! His followers will find what it means to truly live when we too lay down our lives for the glory of God. Though He did not desire to go through the pain and suffering of the cross, Christ willingly died for us! And it's out of gratitude for what He has done for us that we willingly sacrifice our own fleshly desires so that others may come to know Him through the life-changing message of the Gospel.

(Gal.2:20)

Servant Leadership

In this week's reading, Jesus ties a towel around His waist and redefines leadership. By washing the disciples feet, Jesus demonstrates the full extent of His love and sets an example of how they, and we in turn, are to treat others. The experience of having their master wash their feet would have taught the disciples in an unforgettable way that they must lead by serving. This was the opposite of the model set before them by the religious leadership of the day, who led with rules and harsh condemnation. Jesus shows them a better way. (Jn.13:1-17; Phil.2:1-11)

A New Commandment

Jesus continually made simple for His followers to understand what it meant to follow Him. Here He gives His disciples a very clear, yet powerful command, to love others as He has loved them. This command is no less central to our following of Jesus today, and is the way “all people will know that we are His disciples.”
(Jn.13:35; I Jn.4:7-11)

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Way, Truth, Life (I AM)

In Jesus' day, people believed there were many ways to come to God the Father, but Jesus makes a clear and bold statement that only through Him can anyone come to God. In a day where the Romans put their trust in all kinds of false gods, and the Jews put their trust largely in themselves and their own ability to be righteous, Jesus' message is clear: we cannot come to God through good works, religious practices, or any other means; we must trust in Jesus' payment on the cross for our sin, being thus found in Him, and declared righteous by virtue of HIS righteousness. The only way we can come to a holy and righteous God, and be reconciled unto Him, is through the righteousness He has provided us in Christ. Jesus Christ is THE Way, THE Truth, and THE Life, and no one can come to the Father except through Him.

(Ac.4:12; Eph.2:8,9)

Promise of The Holy Spirit

Jesus told His followers they would not be left alone upon His departure, and that they would do even greater things than He had done. These promises Christ made to His disciples would be fulfilled in the Book of Acts through a “Helper” that He would give them, the Holy Spirit, who establishes Christ’s

abiding Presence in the life of every born again follower of Christ, and empowers them for ministry. Once Jesus ascends into heaven and the Spirit comes upon the believers as recorded in Acts 2, the gospel message begins to spread throughout the known world through those empowered by the Holy Spirit. Still to this day, effective gospel ministry only happens through the power of the Spirit working in and through Jesus’ followers.

(Ac.1:8)

The Vine (I AM)

Jesus frequently uses agricultural metaphors to explain deep truths. In this metaphor, Jesus says He is the vine and we are the branches. He claims that just as a branch does not remain in the vine will wither and be unable to produce fruit, so also will any of His followers who do not remain in Him be able to thrive and produce spiritual fruit. The key to thriving spiritually and seeing gospel fruit produced in and through our lives is to stay connected to the vine, who is Christ. If we are not connected to Christ in a deeply intimate relationship, we will spiritually wither, but if we abide in Him, and He in us, we WILL bear much fruit. Often we focus more on our efforts and the fruits of our labor, but in this metaphor, Christ reminds us to keep our focus on remaining in Him, and He will do the rest!

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The Work of The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son just as the work of the Son is to glorify the Father. The Holy Spirit brings glory to Christ by helping us in our weaknesses, convincing and convicting us of our sin, drawing us to Christ through the gospel message, turning our sorrow into joy, molding us into the image of Christ, and guiding us into all truth.

The World

Life in this post-fall world is a struggle. Though we may be redeemed (“bought back”) by the blood of Christ, our flesh is not yet fully sanctified, and this world is not yet fully glorified. Thus, while our flesh beckons us to attempt to find our satisfaction and security in things of this world, Jesus reminds us that while we are in the world, we must remember that we are not of the world, and though we will have tribulation in the world, He has overcome the world.

(Matt.6:19; Heb.11:26)

Jesus Submits to The Father's Plan

As Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane and the soldiers approached to arrest Him, Peter drew His sword to defend His Lord. Jesus reminded Peter that He must “drink the cup that the Father has given (Him).” He knew the “cup” the Father had given Him was to bear the weight of the sin of mankind and to be judged in their place, literally dying as an atoning sacrifice for our sin, and in doing so, satisfy the wrath of God against sin. Though His followers did not fully understand this yet, God was fully in control of the events surrounding Jesus’ death, and Jesus was fully submitted to the Father’s plan. His life and His death were about bringing glory to God! (Luk.9:23)

Sent Ones

Jesus was sent into the world with a purpose, to reconcile sinful humanity back to the Father by giving His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sin. Jesus says early in His ministry that His food is to do the will of His Father, and at the end of His earthly ministry, just before He endured the cross, Jesus cried out in the garden of Gethsemane, “Not My will, but Yours be done.” Jesus was a man on a mission to the very end. It shouldn’t come as a surprise then, that when He calls His apostles, He designates them “apostles”, which means “sent ones” (Mk.3:14). Just as Jesus was sent with a purpose, He also sends His committed followers with a purpose, to go and make disciples of all nations. As “Christians” we are followers of Christ, and just as He was sent, so are we. We share the heart and mission of our Lord and Savior to bring glory to God by bringing lost people to the saving knowledge of Jesus.

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The Finished Work of The Cross

In the final moments of His life, Jesus declares “it is finished,” referring to the work of redemption that was being completed upon His death. In dying on the cross, Christ provided the final payment for the sins of mankind and satisfied the wrath of God against sin. Because of His sacrifice in our place and for our sin, all who put their trust in the finished work of Christ will be forgiven of their sin once and for all and will receive eternal life in Him.

(Rom.8:1)

Ressurrection

On the third day Jesus rose from the dead, proving that He is God. Still to this day, the resurrection stands as the cornerstone of our Christian faith. If Jesus had not risen from the grave, we would still be trapped in our sins, and awaiting a “Messiah” worthy of being the promised One. But because He rose, conquering sin, death, and the grave, we are assured that just as He rose, we too will one day rise, and we too will be given ultimate victory over sin, death, and the grave. Because He lives, we have the assurance of life after death, and the assurance that we will be with Him for all eternity.

(Col.2:13-15)

Follow Me

As Christ was nearing the time of His crucifixion, Peter denied knowing Him three times. After Christ had been crucified, feeling the weight of his sin and likely steeped in shame, Peter decided to return to his former way of life as a fisherman rather than press on in his calling as a herald of the Gospel. But Jesus graciously returned to Peter, reminding and reassuring him of his calling, and Peter realized the error of his ways. He would once again lay down his nets and follow Jesus, this time all the way to his death some years later at the hands of Nero. In Jesus' charge to Peter, we are reminded that once we become a Christian, we have a new purpose to magnify Christ, and we will never be satisfied with living how we once lived. Though we stumble, we continue to follow Him until we meet Him face to face!
(Matt.4:19; 28:16-20)

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