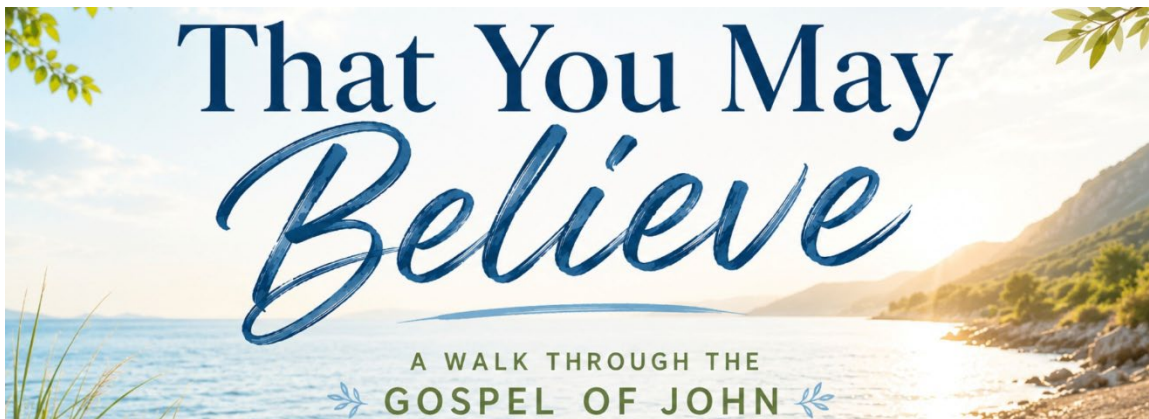




That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 9

(John 6:60-71)

Sunday, July 26, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Themes from John 6 and the Sermon at West Lonsdale

Day 1: The Bread That Satisfies

Reading: John 6:35, 48-51

Devotional: Jesus declared himself the bread of life, the only source of true and lasting nourishment for the human soul. Every hunger we carry, every longing we cannot name, every restlessness that follows us through our days, finds its answer in him alone. The world offers substitutes in abundance, and we consume them eagerly, only to find ourselves empty again. But Jesus offers something different. He offers himself. Not a program. Not a system. Not a set of rules. Himself. Today, bring your deepest hunger to him and allow the bread of life to satisfy what nothing else can reach.

Reflection Question: What are you currently seeking to satisfy your soul with that only Jesus can truly provide?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life where you have been looking for fulfillment outside of Christ. Intentionally surrender that area to him in prayer today.

Day 2: When the Gospel Offends

Reading: John 6:60-61; Hebrews 4:12

Devotional: The Word of God is described in Hebrews as living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, cutting to the very core of who we are. That kind of precision is not always comfortable. Jesus spoke difficult words, and his followers grumbled. They were offended not because Jesus was wrong, but because he was right, and his truth exposed the distance between where they were and where

God was calling them to be. Offense is often a signal that God is pressing on something real. Rather than pulling back when his Word stings, lean in. The discomfort is not punishment. It is an invitation.

Reflection Question: Is there a truth from Scripture that you have been resisting or avoiding because it challenges your current choices or beliefs?

Practical Application: Spend time in honest prayer today, asking God to reveal one area where offense toward his Word has created distance in your relationship with him.

Day 3: The Danger of Following From a Distance

Reading: John 6:66; Luke 9:23

Devotional: Many disciples turned away and deserted Jesus that day in Capernaum. They had been in the crowd. They had witnessed the miracles. They had eaten the bread. But they had never moved from the crowd into the shadow of Jesus himself. Following from a distance feels safe because it requires very little. There is no deep cost, no real surrender, no daily dying to self. But distance also means that when the gospel becomes difficult, there is nothing holding you close. Luke records Jesus saying that following him requires daily self-denial and cross-bearing. That is not a distant relationship. That is an intimate one.

Reflection Question: Would you describe your current walk with Christ as close and intimate, or distant and comfortable?

Practical Application: Choose one concrete way today to move closer to Jesus, whether through extended prayer, Scripture reading, worship, or an act of obedience you have been postponing.

Day 4: Where Else Would We Go

Reading: John 6:67-69; Psalm 73:25-26

Devotional: Peter's response to Jesus stands as one of the most honest and courageous declarations in all of Scripture. He did not claim to have all the answers. He did not pretend to fully understand what Jesus had said. He simply acknowledged that there was nowhere else to go. Psalm 73 echoes this same surrender, where the writer confesses that though his flesh and heart may fail, God is the strength of his heart and his portion forever. When the gospel is difficult and confusion is real, the answer is not to walk away. The answer is to hold on tighter and confess that Jesus alone holds the words of eternal life.

Reflection Question: When life becomes confusing or faith becomes difficult, where is your first instinct to turn?

Practical Application: Memorize or write out Peter's declaration from John 6:68-69 in your own words and return to it throughout the day as an anchor for your faith.

Day 5: Faithful Still

Reading: Lamentations 3:22-23; Romans 8:38-39

Devotional: Two years after open-heart surgery, the pastor of this congregation stood before his church and declared that God had brought him through. What once produced fear now produces testimony. Lamentations reminds us that God's mercies are new every morning and that his faithfulness is great. Romans assures us that nothing in all of creation has the power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Whatever valley you are walking through today, whatever mountain stands before you, the God who carried his servant through surgery and uncertainty is the same God who carries you. His faithfulness does not expire. His love does not waver. He is faithful still.

Reflection Question: Looking back over your life, where can you clearly see God's faithfulness carrying you through a season you feared you would not survive?

Practical Application: Write down three specific moments in your life where God proved himself faithful. Share at least one of those moments with someone today as an act of testimony and encouragement.