

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE — WEEK 7

The Gospel of John

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The Good Shepherd

John 10:1–42; 11:1–27

10:1–10 - Jesus is the Door. *The Way to abundant life.*

10:11–18 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd. *He lays down His life.*

10:19–30 - Jesus protects. *My sheep know My voice.*

10:31–42 - Jesus is questioned. *Who is Jesus?*

11:1–16 - Jesus is glorified. *This illness is for God's glory.*

11:17–27 - Jesus is life. *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

As we continue our journey through The Gospel of John, take time with the Scriptures, think through the questions, process **UP (our worship) → IN (our community) → OUT (our neighbors) →**, and ask where God may be giving you an **Invitation (Repent/turn to Him)** and a **Challenge (Believe/live for Him)**.

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SUNDAY — John 10:1–10

THE WAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE

Jesus is the true Door for God's people and the source of abundant life. He exposes false shepherds and invites His sheep to enter safety through Him.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus contrasts the shepherd with thieves and strangers (10:1–5).** What voices or influences compete for your trust and attention?
2. **Jesus says, “I am the door” (10:7–9).** What does this reveal about Jesus as the way into salvation and security?
3. **Jesus promises abundant life (10:10).** How can we confuse abundant life in Jesus with comfort, success, or having more?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the Door reveal about Who He is and what He offers?

IN: How can Christian community help one another recognize and follow Jesus' voice?

OUT: Who may be searching for life and security through doors that cannot save?

INVITATION

What is God saying about where you are looking for life, and where can you further trust in Jesus?

CHALLENGE

What voice or influence will you choose to turn away from so you can follow Jesus more closely today?

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MONDAY — John 10:11–18

HE LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep, protects them, and willingly lays down His life for them. His love is demonstrated through His sacrificial action.

DISCUSS

- 1. Jesus says the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (10:11).** What does this reveal about the nature of Jesus' love?
- 2. How is the hired hand different from the Good Shepherd (10:12–13)?** What does this teach us about sacrificial versus self-serving leadership?
- 3. Jesus knows His sheep and His sheep know Him (10:14–15).** How does knowing Jesus shape the way you understand your identity and belonging?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' willingness to lay down His life reveal about His character and love?

IN: How can we reflect the Good Shepherd's sacrificial care within the church?

OUT: Who around you may need to experience the selfless love and care of Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about His love for you, and what is He inviting you to receive from the Good Shepherd?

CHALLENGE

Who will you intentionally serve or care for today without expecting anything in return?

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TUESDAY — John 10:19–30

MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE

Jesus' works and words reveal His identity, but some refuse to believe. His sheep hear His voice, belong to Him, and are securely held in His hand.

DISCUSS

1. **The crowd is divided over Jesus (10:19–21).** Why can people respond so differently to the same words and works of Jesus?
2. **Jesus says His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (10:27).** What does listening to Jesus look like in everyday life?
3. **Jesus promises that no one can snatch His sheep from His hand (10:28–29).** How does this promise shape your understanding of security in Christ?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' authority to give eternal life and keep His sheep reveal about who He is?

IN: How can we help one another recognize Jesus' voice and remain secure in His care?

OUT: Who may need to hear that Jesus offers belonging, security, and eternal life?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your trust and security, and what is He inviting you to place in Jesus' hands?

CHALLENGE

What will you do today to listen to Jesus' voice and follow His direction?

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WEDNESDAY — John 10:31–42

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus' opponents accuse Him of blasphemy because He identifies Himself as the Son of God, yet His works testify to the truth of Who He Is.

DISCUSS

1. **The religious leaders want to stone Jesus because “...you, being a man, make yourself God” (10:33).** What does this tell us about how *clearly* Jesus proclaimed His divinity by claiming to offer eternal life and being One with the Father (10:27-30)?
2. **Jesus points to His works as evidence (10:37–38).** How do Jesus' actions help us understand His identity and relationship with the Father?
3. **Many people believed in Jesus because of His works as well as John the Baptist's testimony (10:40–42).** What can we learn from John the Baptist's effective testimony to point people to Jesus? What about Jesus' works prove Who He is?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What do Jesus' words and works reveal about His relationship with the Father and Who He Is?

IN: How can Christian community help us examine our assumptions and remain centered on Jesus?

OUT: Who may be willing to explore the evidence and testimony concerning Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your response to Jesus, and what is He inviting you to believe about Him?

CHALLENGE

What is one way you will openly acknowledge Jesus' identity and authority today?

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THURSDAY — John 11:1–16

THIS ILLNESS IS FOR GOD'S GLORY

Jesus loves Lazarus and his family, yet He delays going to them. What appears to be absence or delay becomes an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus loves Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, yet He stays where He is for two days (11:5–6).** What questions can arise when God's love and His timing seem difficult to understand?
2. **Jesus says the illness is for God's glory (11:4).** How does this change the way we think about some of our hardships?
3. **Jesus tells His disciples to go to Judea despite the danger (11:7–10).** What does this reveal about His mission and trust in the Father?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' purpose and authority in the face of death reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can we support one another when God's timing is confusing or painful?

OUT: Who needs compassionate presence when they are facing suffering or uncertainty?

INVITATION

What is God saying about a situation you do not understand, and what is He inviting you to trust about His presence and purposes?

CHALLENGE

How will you respond to uncertainty today with trust, prayer, and faithful obedience?

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FRIDAY — John 11:17–27

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Jesus meets Martha in her grief and reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life. He calls her—and us—to believe in Him even when circumstances appear hopeless.

DISCUSS

1. **Martha tells Jesus that Lazarus would not have died if He had been there (11:21–22).** How do you relate to her honest grief and questions?
2. **Jesus says, “Your brother will rise again” (11:23–24).** How does Martha’s understanding differ from Jesus’ greater promise?
3. **Jesus declares, “I am the resurrection and the life” (11:25–26).** What does this reveal about where true life and hope are found?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life reveal about His authority over death?

IN: How can the church offer hope and presence to people walking through grief?

OUT: Who may need to hear that Jesus offers life and hope beyond what they can see?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your hope, fear, or grief, and what is He inviting you to believe about Jesus?

CHALLENGE

What will it look like today to respond to Jesus’ promise with faith, even before you see the outcome?

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