

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE — WEEK 9

The Gospel of John

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Love One Another

John 12:37-43; 13:31-38

12:37–43 Jesus is rejected. *When people still won't believe.*

12:44–50 - Jesus is the Light. *Believe in the Light.*

13:1–11 - Jesus serves. *The King Who washes feet.*

13:12–20 - Jesus sends. *Follow His example.*

13:21–30 - Jesus is betrayed. *One of you will betray Me.*

13:31–38 - Jesus commands. *Love one another.*

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 12:37–43

WHEN PEOPLE STILL WON'T BELIEVE

Even after witnessing Jesus' signs, many people refuse to believe. John reveals the seriousness of unbelief and the danger of valuing human approval more than the glory that comes from God.

DISCUSS

1. **John says that Jesus performed many signs, yet people still did not believe (12:37).** What does this reveal about the difference between seeing evidence and responding to Jesus with faith?
2. **John connects their unbelief with Isaiah's prophecy (12:38–40).** How should we understand the relationship between God's sovereignty, human responsibility, and the hardness of the human heart?
3. **Some leaders believed in Jesus but would not confess Him because they feared being put out of the synagogue (12:42–43).** Where might the desire for human approval compete with your willingness to identify with Jesus?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' identity and the fulfillment of Scripture reveal about His authority and glory?

IN: How can we create a community where people can wrestle honestly with doubt while still being encouraged toward genuine faith in Jesus?

OUT: Who in your life may be more concerned with the approval of others than with responding to Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying to you about belief, fear, or approval, and what is He inviting you to surrender to Him?

CHALLENGE

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Identify one place where fear of people has influenced your faith. Ask God for courage to honor Jesus openly and faithfully.

MONDAY — John 12:44–50

BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT

Jesus declares that to believe in Him is to believe in the One who sent Him. He has come as Light into the world, not to condemn it, but to bring salvation and reveal the truth of God.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus says that whoever believes in Him, believes in the One who sent Him (12:44–45).** What does this teach us about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?
2. **Jesus says, “I have come into the world as light” (12:46).** What does the image of light communicate about Jesus’ identity, revelation, and purpose?
3. **Jesus says He did not come to judge the world, but to save the world (12:47),** while also describing the judgment connected to rejecting His words (12:48). How do salvation, truth, and judgment fit together in Jesus’ mission?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus being the Light reveal about the character and saving purpose of God?

IN: How can we help one another respond to Jesus’ words with humility rather than defensiveness?

OUT: Who around you may need to experience the truth and hope of Jesus rather than simply hear religious information?

INVITATION

What is God’s light exposing in your life, and what is He inviting you to bring into the truth?

CHALLENGE

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Spend intentional time in Jesus' words today. Ask Him to reveal one area where you need to believe, obey, or walk more openly in His light.

TUESDAY — John 13:1–11

THE KING WHO WASHES FEET

Knowing that His hour has come, Jesus demonstrates the depth of His love by washing His disciples' feet. The One who came from the Father and is returning to the Father humbles Himself to serve.

DISCUSS

1. **John emphasizes that Jesus knew where He came from, where He was going, and that the Father had given all things into His hands (13:1–3).** Why is Jesus' authority important for understanding the humility of His service?
2. **Jesus washes the disciples' feet, including Judas' (13:2–5).** What does this reveal about the nature of Christlike love, especially when love is not guaranteed to be returned?
3. **Peter initially refuses to let Jesus wash his feet (13:6–8).** Why must receiving Jesus' cleansing and grace come before we can faithfully serve others?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' willingness to humble Himself reveal about His glory, love, and character?

IN: What would it look like for our church community to practice humble service rather than pursuing status or recognition?

OUT: Who could experience the love of Christ through a practical act of humble service from you?

INVITATION

Where is Jesus inviting you to receive His grace more deeply instead of relying on your own worthiness or performance?

CHALLENGE

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Serve someone today in a way that costs you time, comfort, or recognition—and do it without needing to be noticed.

WEDNESDAY — John 13:12–20

FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

Jesus explains that His act of washing their feet is an example for His disciples. Those who belong to Him are called to embrace humble service, remembering that no servant is greater than the Master.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus calls Himself both Teacher and Lord, yet He washes His disciples' feet (13:13–14).** What does this teach us about the relationship between spiritual authority and humble service?
2. **Jesus says, “I have given you an example” (13:15).** Does following Jesus' example mean simply performing outward acts of service, or does it require a deeper transformation of our posture toward others?
3. **Jesus reminds the disciples that a servant is not greater than the master (13:16).** What attitudes, privileges, or expectations might make it difficult for you to serve others freely?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: How does Jesus' example redefine greatness in the kingdom of God?

IN: How can we recognize and honor forms of service that are often unseen or undervalued?

OUT: How might humble service help others see something about the character of Jesus?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your posture toward service, and what is He inviting you to lay down?

CHALLENGE

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Choose one opportunity to serve today that you might normally overlook. Serve with the mindset that you are following the example of Jesus.

THURSDAY — John 13:21–30

ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME

Jesus reveals that one of His disciples will betray Him. Even as the events leading to the cross unfold, Jesus remains fully aware of what is happening and continues moving toward the Father's appointed purpose.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus is troubled in spirit as He announces the betrayal (13:21).** What does this reveal about Jesus' genuine humanity and the emotional weight of betrayal?
2. **Judas receives the morsel from Jesus and then goes out into the night (13:26–30).** How does this imagery of darkness deepen the passage's picture of rejection, sin, and separation from Jesus?
3. **Jesus knows what Judas is going to do, yet the disciples do not understand what is happening (13:27–29).** What does this teach us about Jesus' knowledge and sovereignty even in the midst of betrayal?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' awareness of betrayal and continued obedience reveal about His willingness to fulfill the Father's saving purpose?

IN: How can we cultivate honesty, repentance, and accountability rather than allowing hidden sin to grow in isolation?

OUT: How can we represent the grace and truth of Jesus to people who have experienced betrayal or who are struggling with hidden sin?

INVITATION

What is God bringing into the light in your life, and what is He inviting you to confess, repent of, or entrust to Him?

CHALLENGE

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Ask God to search your heart. If there is an area of hidden sin or dishonesty, take one concrete step toward confession, repentance, and accountability.

FRIDAY — John 13:31–38

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

As Jesus prepares for His death and glorification, He gives His disciples a new commandment: to love one another as He has loved them. Their love is meant to reflect the love of Jesus and bear witness to their relationship with Him.

DISCUSS

1. **Jesus speaks of His glorification in connection with His approaching death (13:31–32).** How does the cross reveal the glory of both Jesus and the Father?
2. **Jesus commands His disciples to love one another “just as I have loved you” (13:34).** What makes Jesus’ love the standard for Christian love, rather than simply our feelings or cultural expectations?
3. **Peter confidently promises to follow Jesus and lay down his life, but Jesus predicts his denial (13:36–38).** What does Peter’s response reveal about the difference between sincere intention and dependence on God’s grace?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus’ sacrificial love reveal about who He is and what He came to accomplish?

IN: What would it look like for our church to become recognizable by the sacrificial love we show one another?

OUT: Who outside the church might encounter the love of Jesus through the way we treat, serve, and care for others?

INVITATION

What is God saying about the way you love others, and what is He inviting you to receive or extend through the love of Christ?

CHALLENGE

Identify one person you find difficult to love. Pray for them and take one specific step toward showing them the kind of grace, patience, or service Jesus has shown you.

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