THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE — WEEK 11

The Gospel of John

Video Guide

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

John 16:5–18:40

16:5–15 — Jesus sends the Spirit. *The Spirit will come.*

16:16–33 — Jesus gives peace. *Take heart.*

17:1–19 — Jesus prays. *Glorify Your Son.*

17:20–18:11 — Jesus is one with the Father. *That they may all be one.*

18:12–27 — Jesus stands faithful. *The King on trial.*

18:28–40 — Jesus is the King. *What is truth?*

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).

SUNDAY — John 16:5–15

THE SPIRIT WILL COME

Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure by promising the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will convict the world, guide Jesus' followers into truth, and glorify Jesus by making His work known.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus tells His disciples that it is to their advantage that He goes away (16:7). Why would Jesus' departure be better for them because of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

2. Jesus describes the Spirit as the one who will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (16:8–11). What does this teach us about the Spirit's work in drawing people toward truth?

3. Jesus says the Spirit will guide His followers into all truth and glorify Him (16:13–14). How should the Spirit's role shape the way we understand His work in our lives?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does the Spirit's work of revealing and glorifying Jesus teach us about Who Jesus Is?

IN: How can Christian community help us remain attentive to the Holy Spirit's work rather than relying only on ourselves?

OUT: Who around you needs to encounter the truth about Jesus through the work of the Spirit?

INVITATION

What is God saying about the Holy Spirit's work in your life, and what is He inviting you to surrender or trust?

CHALLENGE

Where do you need to become more attentive to the Spirit's leading today?

MONDAY — John 16:16–33

TAKE HEART

Jesus tells His disciples that sorrow is coming, but their sorrow will turn to joy. He promises that they will have trouble in the world but reminds them that He has overcome the world.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus tells His disciples that their sorrow will turn into joy (16:20). What does this reveal about how Jesus meets His people in seasons of grief and uncertainty?

2. Jesus compares their sorrow to a woman experiencing labor pains that give way to joy (16:21). How can knowing that God is working through difficulty change the way we endure suffering?

3. Jesus ends by saying, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (16:33). What does it mean to have courage because Jesus has overcome the world even when circumstances remain difficult?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' victory over the world reveal about His authority and power?

IN: How can Christian community help us hold onto hope when we are walking through suffering?

OUT: Who around you may need to hear that hardship does not have the final word?

INVITATION

What is God saying about the trouble you are facing, and what is He inviting you to trust Him with?

CHALLENGE

What difficult circumstance will you intentionally face today with the confidence that Jesus has already overcome the world?

TUESDAY — John 17:1–19

GLORIFY YOUR SON

Jesus prays to the Father before His arrest and crucifixion. He prays for His own glory, for the disciples God has given Him, and for their protection and sanctification in the world.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus asks the Father to glorify Him so that He may glorify the Father (17:1). What does this reveal about the relationship between Jesus' glory and the Father's glory?

2. Jesus prays that His disciples would be kept in the Father's name while they remain in the world (17:11–15). What does this teach us about the kind of protection Jesus desires for His followers?

3. Jesus prays, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (17:17). Why is truth essential to becoming more like Jesus?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' prayer reveal about His relationship with the Father and His desire to glorify Him?

IN: How should knowing that Jesus prayed for His followers shape the way we care for and pray for one another?

OUT: How can we live as people who are sent into the world while remaining rooted in God's truth?

INVITATION

What is God saying about your identity and purpose in the world, and what is He inviting you to surrender to Him?

CHALLENGE

Pray intentionally today for another believer to be strengthened, protected, and sanctified by God's truth.

WEDNESDAY — John 17:20–18:11

THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE

Jesus expands His prayer beyond the disciples to everyone who will believe through their message. He prays for unity among His people, then willingly steps toward His arrest, demonstrating that His surrender is not defeat but obedience to the Father.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus prays that all who believe in Him would be one (17:20–21). Why is the unity of Jesus' followers important to the witness of the Gospel?

2. Jesus says that this unity will help the world believe that the Father sent Him (17:21). What does our unity—or lack of unity—communicate about Jesus to those outside the church?

3. When Jesus is arrested, He identifies Himself and willingly gives Himself over (18:4–9). What does Jesus' response reveal about His authority and His willingness to surrender Himself for us?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' willingness to surrender Himself reveal about His identity as King and Savior?

IN: Where might Christians need to pursue unity even when differences remain?

OUT: How could visible unity among Jesus' followers make the Gospel more believable to our neighbors?

INVITATION

What is God saying about unity, surrender, or your relationships with other believers, and what is He inviting you to do?

CHALLENGE

Take one practical step today toward reconciliation, humility, or unity with another believer.

THURSDAY — John 18:12–27

THE KING ON TRIAL

Jesus is questioned and struck while Peter denies knowing Him. The contrast is striking: Jesus remains faithful under pressure while Peter, despite his earlier confidence, gives in to fear.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus remains composed and truthful while Peter denies knowing Him three times (18:17, 25–27). What does this contrast reveal about the difference between Jesus' faithfulness and our own strength?

2. Jesus tells the authorities to question those who heard Him because He has spoken openly (18:20–21). What does Jesus' willingness to stand openly for the truth teach us about courage?

3. Peter had promised that he would follow Jesus even if it meant dying (13:37–38), yet he denies Him here. What can Peter's failure teach us about depending on our own confidence rather than Jesus' strength?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus' faithfulness under pressure reveal about Who He Is?

IN: How can Christian community create space for honest confession when we fail rather than pretending we are stronger than we are?

OUT: How can we remain truthful and faithful to Jesus without responding to opposition with fear or hostility?

INVITATION

What is God saying about where fear or self-reliance has affected your faith, and what is He inviting you to surrender?

CHALLENGE

Identify one place where you are tempted to hide your faith or compromise because of fear, and choose faithfulness to Jesus today.

FRIDAY — John 18:28–40

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Jesus stands before Pilate and makes clear that His kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks the question, “What is truth?” while standing face-to-face with the One who came into the world to bear witness to the truth.

DISCUSS

1. Jesus tells Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world (18:36). What does this teach us about the nature of Jesus’ kingdom and His authority?

2. Jesus says, “For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth” (18:37). Why is truth central to Jesus’ mission?

3. Pilate asks, “What is truth?” (18:38), yet he is standing before Jesus. What does this moment reveal about the difference between questioning truth and recognizing the Truth standing in front of us?

UP → IN → OUT →

UP: What does Jesus’ kingship reveal about His authority and the kind of kingdom He came to establish?

IN: How can Christian community help us remain anchored in truth when culture, opinions, and circumstances compete for our allegiance?

OUT: Who around you may be searching for truth, and how can you point them toward Jesus rather than simply winning an argument?

INVITATION

What is God saying about where you have allowed other voices to define truth, and what is He inviting you to believe about Jesus?

CHALLENGE

What is one area of your life where you need to submit your thinking, decisions, or beliefs more fully to the truth of Jesus?