

The Gospel of John (#2)

Faith Village Adult Education

May 5th, 2019 (John 3:1-8)

- 1) No other gospel writer mentions Nicodemus. Why did John? How does it support his gospel account?
- 2) How did the Sanhedrin know Jesus was a teacher who had come from God? Wasn't it their goal to ultimately disprove these claims?
- 3) When Jesus mentions the "kingdom of God" in vs. 3, to what is He referring? What is the "kingdom" and what does this teach us about salvation?
- 4) How are we "born of the Spirit"? (Vs. 5) Does this support the idea that the Holy Spirit dwells in believers? Why or why not?
- 5) If you had been Nicodemus, would you have gone to see Jesus in the day or the night? Be honest.

May 12th, 2019 (John 3: 9-21)

- 1) What is the meaning of "believe" in this lesson?
- 2) What does the serpent story teach us about the word "believe"?
- 3) If Jesus didn't come to "condemn" the world (vs. 17), why did Jesus give the Pharisees the seven woes in Matthew 23? Why did He come down so hard on religious elitists?
- 4) Is it really true that those who do evil hate the light? (Vs. 20) What about those who want to do what's right, but can't let go of sin? Do they hate the light, too?
- 5) Can people see "plainly" what has been done in your life? (Vs. 21) Why, or why not? What can we do to make it more visible in our lives?

May 19th, 2019 (John 3: 22-36)

- 1) Why did you think John paid so much attention to the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist? (*This isn't the first time this has been addressed*)
- 2) If you had been John the Baptist, and if you saw more people coming to Jesus than you, how would you have felt? Once again, be honest.
- 3) How can we better hear the "bridegroom's voice"? (Vs. 29)
- 4) In what ways can we make Jesus greater in our lives?
- 5) John says in vs. 34 that God "...gives the Spirit without limit". What does this mean and is it still true today?

May 26th, 2019 (John 4: 1-19)

- 1) John says in John 3: 22 that Jesus baptized, but in John 4:2 that it wasn't Jesus who baptized, but His disciples. Is this a contradiction? Why the discrepancy?
- 2) Why does John tell us that it was the "sixth hour"? What does the timing of the story have to do with the application of the story?
- 3) When Jesus mentions the "gift of God" in verse 10, to what is He referring?
- 4) What is "living water"? Is it different than the "gift of God" or one in the same?
- 5) What does this passage teach us about evangelism? Give some specific applications from the text.

June 2nd, 2019 (John 4: 20-26)

- 1) Why was worship introduced into this conversation? The woman's life and her thirst had been discussed, but what does worship add to the story?
- 2) When did the time officially come that the location for worship changed? (Vs. 21)
- 3) What does it mean to worship in "spirit and truth"?
- 4) Is it more challenging to worship in "spirit" or in "truth"?
 - A. Can we do one without the other?
 - B. What does that teach us about worship today?
- 5) Are there worshippers today God *doesn't* seek? (Vs. 23) How do you know?
- 6) When God "seeks" us, what exactly is He doing?

June 9th, 2019 (John 4: 27-42)

- 1) Why do you think the disciples kept their curiosity close to the vest? (Vs. 27)
- 2) Why do you think John mentions that the woman left her water jar she brought with her? (Vs. 28) Why is this detail so important to the story?
- 3) How do we know if we are the "sower" or the "reaper"?
 - A. Is one better than the other?
 - B. Can we be *both*?
- 4) In vs. 42, the people from the town gave their own testimony.
 - A. Why was it so powerful?
 - B. Have you ever made a testimony like that? Why, or why not?

June 16th, 2019 (John 4: 43-54)

- 1) Why does a prophet not have honor in his hometown? (Vs. 44)
- 2) When Jesus said, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you will never believe..." (Vs. 48) was He concerned, frustrated, or both? Why?
- 3) Do you think Jesus would say the same to His church today?
- 4) Are there still miracles today? Why or why not? How do you know?
- 5) What does this lesson teach us about the nature of Jesus?