

The Gospel of John (#4)

Faith Village Adult Education

August 4th, 2019 (John 6: 60-71)

- 1) What does the term “Bread of Life” mean?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus was so passionate about reminding people that He was the “Bread of Life” even when He knew it would turn His oppressors against Him even more? Why did that term upset people so much?
- 3) How does the Father “enable” us to come to Jesus? (Vs. 65)
- 4) Why do you think many of the disciples turned away in this moment?
- 5) How was Judas a “devil”? What does this help us understand about the seriousness of betrayal?

August 11th, 2019 (John 7:1-24)

- 1) At this point in Jesus’ ministry, why do you think Jesus’ brothers still did not believe in Him?
- 2) Why was “any time” right for Jesus’ brothers to go to the feast, but not for Jesus? (Vs.6-8)
- 3) Is it really true there’s no way the world can hate us? (Vs. 7) How does this compare to what Jesus said in John 15:19, “that is why the world hates you...”?
- 4) Why do you think Jesus waited until halfway through the feast to begin teaching?
- 5) Are we guilty today of judging by mere appearances? (Vs. 24) How so?
- 6) Overall, how do you think Jesus handled revealing His identity at the feast?

August 18th, 2019 (John 7:25-36)

- 1) Why was Jerusalem so unsure who Jesus was?
- 2) Why did the Jews say that when the Messiah did come, no one would know where He was from? (Vs. 27) Wasn’t that prophesied before the birth of Jesus?
- 3) Why did Jesus say that the Jews didn’t know who sent Him? Weren’t the Jews God’s chosen people? (Vs. 28-29)
- 4) If they really tried to “seize” Jesus, how did no one “lay a hand” on Him? How would this have worked? What would it have looked like? (Vs. 30)
- 5) Why were the Jews so against Jesus teaching the “Greeks”? (Vs. 35)
- 6) Is the church ever against teaching different groups? How do you know?

August 25th, 2019 (John 7: 37-53)

- 1) Why did Jesus' comments about "thirst" and "living water" (Vs. 37-38) validate that Jesus was indeed a prophet? (Vs. 40)
- 2) When was Jesus "glorified"? (Vs. 39)
- 3) Is there a scripture that says Jesus would come from Bethlehem? (Vs. 42)
- 4) Do you think Nicodemus is trying to defend Jesus in verses 50-51? If so, what does this prove about the power of his "middle of the night" encounter with the Messiah in John 3?
- 5) *How* and *why* did Jesus throw Jerusalem into a crisis?

September 1st, 2019 (John 8: 1-11)

- 1) John tells us Jesus was *sitting* (Vs. 2), but the woman caught in adultery was *standing* (Vs. 3) when the interrogation begins. What do these non-verbal messages communicate?
- 2) Why was the question about the Law of Moses a trap? (vs.6)
- 3) Were the Jews correct about the Law's teaching concerning this matter? Was there not a difference between adultery, fornication, and the punishment?
- 4) Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? If you were to guess, what do you think He wrote?
- 5) What was the legal significance that no one "condemned" her? (Vs. 10-11)
- 6) What life applications can we draw from this story? List as many as you can.

September 8th, 2019 (John 8:12-30)

- 1) What is the significance of the phrase, "I am the light of the world"? Didn't Jesus say we too are the light of the world? What does that mean?
- 2) Why did Jewish leaders refuse to accept Jesus as the Messiah? (Vs. 13)
- 3) If you had been a Jewish leader, would you have accepted His testimony?
- 4) Consider the depth of verses 15-16. What do these verses teach us about the way God judges, and how we should "judge" others in return?
- 5) Why does John not only mention that Jesus was in the temple when He said these words, but that He was near the place where the offerings were placed? (Vs. 20) Do you think this is significant?

September 15th, 2019 (John 8:31-41)

- 1) Which Jews "had believed" in Jesus?
- 2) What is the connection between Jesus' teaching and "truth" in vs. 31-32?
- 3) What about Paul, Peter, and James? Are their teachings not "truth" as well? Equally as authoritative as the teachings of Jesus? How do you know?
- 4) How does truth set us free?
- 5) What does freedom really look like in the spiritual sense? What does it *not* look like?