

The Gospel of John (#5)

Faith Village Adult Education

September 22nd, 2019 (John 8: 42-47)

- 1) Why did Jesus bring up fathers—both God and Abraham?
- 2) Why were the Jews unable to hear what Jesus said? (Vs. 43)
- 3) What does Jesus mean when He says Satan is the “father of lies”? Are all lies from Satan or can they come from our own hearts as well?
- 4) How was Satan a murderer from the beginning?
- 5) Is “hearing what God says” the only thing required to belong to God? (Vs. 47)
- 6) What is the difference between “hearing” and “listening”? How do you know?

September 29th, 2019 (John 8: 48-59)

- 1) Why did the Jews accuse Jesus of being demon possessed? What led them to that conclusion?
- 2) Jesus said God was the one who glorified Him. Does God glorify Himself in us? How? When do we know it's happening?
- 3) What does it mean to keep Jesus' word? (Vs. 51) How do we do it? How do we not do it?
- 4) When did Abraham see the day of Jesus? (Vs. 56)
- 5) By the way the Jews tried to refute Jesus' teachings, what does that tell you about how the Jewish leaders were feeling?
- 6) When do people cross the line from glorifying God to glorifying themselves?

October 6th, 2019 (John 9: 1-23)

- 1) Why did the disciples ask Jesus who sinned after they saw the blind man? How does this impact the story and educate us on Jewish theology?
- 2) How was the work of God displayed through this blind man's life? (Vs. 3)
- 3) Do you think the blind man believed in Jesus in vs. 11 when he said, “The man they call Jesus...”? Notice, this man never says he knows Jesus *personally*.
- 4) Why was “keeping the Sabbath” such an important evaluation for the Pharisees about whether or not this man was from God? (Vs. 16)
- 5) What do we learn about prejudice from this story?
- 6) How do we see prejudice in the church today?
- 7) How do we overcome it?

October 13th, 2019 (John 9: 24-41)

- 1) Does the blind man believe in Jesus by vs. 25? (Last week we considered if he believed by vs. 11) Why or why not?
- 2) Does God *never* answer a sinner's prayer? (Vs. 31) How do you know?
- 3) What does verse 34 teach us about the danger in claiming "seniority" when it comes to spiritual matters and maturity? Does this happen in the church today?
- 4) Was the blind man a good witness for Jesus? Why or why not?
- 5) When Jesus says that He came so those who see would become blind, to whom is He referring? (Vs.39)
- 6) How do "sight" and "guilt" walk hand in hand? (Vs. 41)

October 20th, 2019 (John 10: 1-18)

- 1) Who do all of the characters and images ("sheep", "thieves", "gate", "pasture") in the parable represent?
- 2) Have you seen people run away from Jesus? (Vs. 5) Was it because they didn't know His voice, or for some other reason?
- 3) What is "abundant life"? (Vs. 10)
- 4) Who are the "other sheep"? (Vs. 16) What does this mean and *not* mean today?
- 5) How does verse 18 relate with the passion and resurrection story?
- 6) All in all, what is the point of this parable?

October 27th, 2019 (John 10: 19-42)

- 1) Verse 19 resonates with the core of the Jews' problem. What is it? (Hint: It begins with a "d")
- 2) How does this word (which begins with a "d") destroy God's people?
- 3) Does verse 24 prove Jesus was beginning to "crack" the Jews stubbornness? How did He do it?
- 4) Does Vs. 28-29 teach the ultimate security of a believer?
- 5) Does verse 30 provide a biblical reason for miracles? What is the reason? How does it answer the famous question, "Do miracles still occur today?"
- 6) Why did many believe in Jesus at "that place"? Why was *that* place so special? (Vs. 42)

November 3rd, 2019 (John 11: 1-16)

- 1) Why does John clarify who *this* Mary was? (Vs. 2) Does that influence the story?
- 2) Jesus says the tragedy of Lazarus was for God's glory. Is it appropriate to view our tragedies, even if they lead to death, for God's glory? (Vs. 3)
- 3) Why do you think Jesus stayed where He was for two more days?
- 4) Why was Jesus glad He wasn't there when Lazarus died, for the *disciples'* sake? (Vs. 15)
- 5) "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Think about that statement critically. What does that tell us about the cost and conviction of following Jesus?