

The Gospel of John #6

November 10, 2019 (John 11:17-44)

- 1) Why do you think Jesus didn't go immediately to help Lazarus?
- 2) What do you learn about Martha from the way she talks to Jesus in vv 21-27?
- 3) If Martha had faith in Jesus (v22), why was she skeptical when Jesus asked them to remove the stone (v39)?
- 4) Since Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus (11:11), how do you account for his weeping (vv 33-35)?
- 5) Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
- 6) How does Jesus' response to Lazarus' death and Mary's weeping help you to trust Him more?
- 7) How has God shown his care for you during difficult times in your life?

November 17, 2019 (John 11:45-57)

- 1) What responses does the Lazarus miracle produce? Why?
- 2) What are the chief concerns of the leaders? How do they misunderstand the role of the Messiah?
- 3) How does Caiaphas propose to solve "the Jesus problem"? How does Caiaphas' murderous threat unwittingly convey prophetic truth about Jesus' death (3:16)?
- 4) How does Jesus respond to this situation?
- 5) As the Passover time approached and Jesus was not yet present in the area, what thoughts do you feel the believers were beginning to have?
- 6) How would you have reacted?
- 7) How would you have reacted if you had been on the Sanhedrin? Would politics or truth win out with you?

November 24, 2019 (John 12:1-17)

- 1) Given the value of the perfume (v5), how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?
- 2) How does Jesus interpret Mary's action? Other than Judas, to what degree do you think his explanation was accepted by the others?
- 3) There was great excitement about Jesus' coming (vv 12-13). Why were they so excited? What were they expecting or hoping for?
- 4) Jesus arriving on a lowly donkey had been prophesied (see Zech 9:9). Why do you think this means was prophesied and used? Was it understood?
- 5) If you were to give a dinner in Jesus' honor, who would you invite and what main message would you want to convey?
- 6) Does v16 surprise you? Why or why not?
- 7) Does your worship life portray – a hero's victory celebration or a funeral procession?

December 1, 2019 (John 12:20-36)

- 1) What was so unique about the Greeks' request that Philip would choose to filter it through Andrew?
- 2) Jesus had said several times that "his time had not yet come" (2:4, 7:6,7:30). What, regarding this request, now caused Him to say that it has come?
- 3) Why did the crowd deny the reality of Jesus' future death (vv 32-34)?
- 4) What were they referring to when they said "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever"?
- 5) In v35 there is the phrase "the man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going" – do you ever feel like you're walking in the dark, or perhaps in a shadowland? Why? What do you do about it?
- 6) Are there things we tend to hold on to rather than follow Jesus? What are some of those things? How do you/we overcome that tendency?

December 8, 2019 (John 12:37-50)

- 1) Does it seem surprising that some of the people who had seen miracles performed by Jesus still did not believe in Him? Why wouldn't they?
- 2) What is author implying about Jesus in verse 41? (See 8:58)
- 3) What inhibits the leaders from speaking (v42) and how does this illustrate the meaning of 12:25-26?
- 4) What was Jesus affirming in vv 44-45? Where else is this clearly stated?
- 5) What does Jesus emphasize in vv 47-50? Why is this especially significant?
- 6) Where do find it most difficult to live your faith? How do you handle that?
- 7) How do you let people know where you stand with God?

December 15, 2019 (John 13:1-17)

- 1) What is your first impression of this story about footwashing?
- 2) What did Jesus mean when he said, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me?"
- 3) What do you think Jesus meant by his statement in verse 8? In verse 10?
- 4) What did Jesus mean when he told the disciples they should wash one another's feet?
- 5) How does Jesus challenge their idea of what it means to be the chief followers of the Messiah (vv 12-17)?
- 6) With or without giving names, describe what someone has done for you in your spiritual life that demonstrates "washing your feet".
- 7) As you look around this class, describe the ways in which you see examples of people caring through serving.
- 8) What are some ways in which many of us could increase our "footwashing efforts" (i.e., serving others by caring)?