

WEEK 30 - 2/11/18

JOHN 15:1-17



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 15:1-17 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

What would it look like to be “pruned, that you may bear more fruit”?

Talk about any experiences you’ve have being pruned.

How do you abide in Christ? Hint: v.10. What does this look like?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

In the call to abide in Christ, how does community play into that?

Why do you think the desired result of your abiding, and bearing fruit is love for one another (v.17)?

MISSION OF GOD:

It seems that there is a distinct link between abiding in Christ and bearing fruit. What are some of the “fruits” that Jesus is talking about bearing?

How could v.11 be used in evangelism?



WEEK 31 - 2/18/18

JOHN 15:18-16:4



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 15:18-16:4 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

What does it mean to be "of the world"?

What does it mean to you as a follower of Christ to know that you are hated by the world?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

What is the promise Jesus makes to his followers about what will happen if we are not of the world (16:2)?

How do you think the church has done a good/poor job of preparing her members for persecution from the world?

MISSION OF GOD:

We often say, "be in the world, but not of it". This can be loosely connected to this passage. What does it mean, though?



WEEK 32 - 2/25/18

JOHN 16:4-33



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 16:4-33 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

How is it even possible that it is for our benefit that Jesus leaves us, and the Spirit comes? Wouldn't it be much better to have Jesus walking around with us, even today?

What does the Spirit do? Hint: vv.8-11, 13, 14.

How do the Spirit's actions make him a better option than having Jesus in the flesh?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

How can the community of God, the church, remedy what Jesus warns about in verse 32?

MISSION OF GOD:

In Jesus final words in the passage, he gives a comfort to his disciples who are trying to follow him but will come up against the world.

What do Jesus' words instill in your heart as you attempt to follow Christ in our world?



WEEK 33 - 3/4/18

JOHN 17:1-26



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 17:1-26 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

This is Jesus' prayer for you/us...his church. What's the general sense you get about **why** Jesus is praying to the Father on our behalf?

What does it mean that Jesus "gives eternal life to all whom you have given him"? (v.2) What does this teach us theologically?

How does verse 5 bring us back to Genesis 1? What does this teach us about the nature of Christ?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

Are you encouraged or discouraged by what Jesus says in verses 14-15? Why?

How do verses 20-26 portray the unity of the church?

MISSION OF GOD:

What do these verses say about the mission of God (vv.18, 20)?



WEEK 34 - 3/11/18

JOHN 18:1-27



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 18:1-27 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

Why do you think that when Jesus says "I am he" (v.6), they drew back and fell to the ground?

What does Peter's denial of Jesus teach us about our propensity to sin?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

Twice in this passage the idea of being in community is brought up. In verse 2 it says that Jesus often met his disciples in the garden. And in verse 20 Jesus answers the questions of the high priest by saying he taught in public.

What do you think about the fact that Jesus was very public in his teaching ministry, and also very communal in leading his disciples?

MISSION OF GOD:

In another Gospel account of verse 10-11, Jesus heals the man's ear. Can we draw anything out of this in terms of how we are to interact with the non-believing world?

How could a combative treatment of an unbeliever be problematic? Is there a time when more aggression is necessary?





WEEK 35 - 3/18/18

JOHN 18:28-19:16

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 18:28-19:16 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

What do statements like verse 18:32 do for your confidence in the sovereignty of God?

Why do you think the Roman soldiers mocked Jesus as the King of the Jews (19:2-3)?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

Jesus' answer to the charges brought up on him was to describe his kingdom (18:36). What do we learn in this verse about the kingdom Jesus was inaugurating, and how is that an important reality?

MISSION OF GOD:

Pilate's question in verse 18:38 is one that resounds very well in our post-modern context. How would you answer his inquiry?

What do Jesus' words about authority in verse 19:11 mean to us in terms of submission to authority?



WEEK 36 - 3/25/18

JOHN 19:17-42



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 19:17-42 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

Why is it important that Jesus "gave up his spirit" (v.30)?

Based on all the evidence that John keeps pointing to around the scriptures being fulfilled concerning every aspect of Jesus' death, do you think that Jesus had a choice whether or not he went to the cross?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

What do Jesus' words to John and his mother in verses 26-27 teach us about the community of God?

MISSION OF GOD:

Go back and read John 3:1-9. Now, look at verse 39 of our text. What do you think Jesus' relationship with Nicodemus was like?

What does this teach us about the success of Jesus' evangelistic work?



WEEK 37 - 4/1/18

JOHN 20:11-31



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 20:11-31 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

What do you think the significance of the sitting place of the two angels in verse 12 is?

Why does Mary not recognize Jesus? What does this teach us about his resurrected body?

What in the world do you think verses 22-23 mean?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

Mary only recognizes Jesus when he calls her by name. Is this symbolic/important?

Having a woman be one of the first witnesses to the resurrection makes some pretty astounding claims for how God wants his community to work. Talk about those claims.

MISSION OF GOD:

How does Thomas' encounter with Jesus encourage/discourage you when it comes to doubting?

What do Jesus words in verse 29 mean for us as we share the good news about Jesus' resurrection?

Does the purpose of this book (v.30-31) help you understand how to share Christ with non-believers?



WEEK 38 - 4/8/18

JOHN 21:1-25



WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read John 20:11-31 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

WORSHIP OF GOD:

What do you think is going on in Peter's head/heart when he goes fishing in verse 3?

Do you think there is any significance in the fact that the fish caught are numbered?

COMMUNITY OF GOD:

We often talk about Jesus' restoration of Peter, but we often miss out that it was done with all the disciples present. How are personal restoration and community linked?

Why do you think verse 25 is tagged onto the end of John's gospel?

MISSION OF GOD:

How can verse 19 be a summation of the mission we have?

What does personal restoration have to do with the mission of God?

