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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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THE BOOK OF JOHN

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# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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## **ON THE WEEKEND**

Each week starts with an open section for you to take notes during the weekend message. We want to help you keep your notes through the series in one easy place. This guide will truly be a tool for you as you study the Bible and start conversations.

## **IN YOUR GROUP**

Each week's topic will include a key passage & theme, discussion questions, and next steps to use along with the weekly group videos posted online.

## **WEEKLY GROUP VIDEOS**

These 5-10 minute videos are posted weekly to help you examine each week's topic in greater detail and kick-off discussion in your small group or with friends.

## **ON YOUR OWN**

The questions and next steps in each week's topic are designed to go beyond your group discussions to help equip your personal Bible study time as well. Use this guide throughout the week as you pray, read, study and share your faith with the people around you.



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Who is Jesus to you? Is he a good person, redeemer, prophet, Savior, the Messiah? Do you know what to tell others about Jesus? Are you able to clearly speak of who Jesus is to you?

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16

In the coming months, Chapel Pointe will walk through the first 10 chapters of John in order to equip you, to give you confidence in speaking clearly to others about Jesus. This guide is a resource to empower your voice, that reveals your heart, and all that God has done in your life. You will discover the love of Jesus, his redeeming grace, and so much more. Pray that your heart would be open to a greater picture of Jesus. Enjoy the journey, and know that we, as your church, are excited to see all that God will continue to do in your life and the life of Chapel Pointe!

Grace & Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Wayne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lead Pastor, Joel Wayne

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**JESUS IS**  
*ALWAYS*  
**ENOUGH**

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*WEEK 1*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus is the Word of God, Creator, Light, Life, the Lamb of God, and the one true King. He created everything and came to save us from our sin. John calls this out. Jesus lives it out and calls His disciples to follow Him.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What's one piece of advice you would give to anyone?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 1**

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we submit to the  
Word who gives life.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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How is Jesus described? (1:1-18)

What does John the Baptist's response teach us? (1:19-28)

What does it look like for you to follow Jesus?

What are all of the titles for Jesus found in John 1?

Which title of Jesus stands out to you the most?

Are you okay with Jesus increasing and you decreasing in your life?

Does Jesus have enough value to you to bring others to meet Him?

# MEMORIZE

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

*JOHN 1:1-5*

## NEXT STEPS

*Read John 1:35-51*

Put yourself in the story:

- How would you have responded if you were Nathaniel?
- Do you think you could have stepped out in faith?
- What is God calling you to leave behind in order to follow Him?
- Write down a list of the reasons you follow Jesus.

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**GODLY  
PURSUIT IS  
ALWAYS  
GREATER THAN  
PERSONAL  
GAIN**

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*WEEK 2*

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## MESSAGE NOTES

### KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus turns water into wine. He goes to Jerusalem, condemns the Jewish leaders for corrupting the Temple, and predicts His death and resurrection.*

### BREAK THE ICE

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What is one skill you wish you had?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 2**

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we always pursue godliness  
over all worldly desires.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What did Jesus do at the wedding? (2:6-11)

What did Jesus do in the Temple? (2:13-22)

Why did Jesus not entrust Himself to the people around Him in Jerusalem? (2:23-25)

What are the tangible things that we try to put our faith in outside of Jesus?

What does it look like for you to rest in the presence of God?

What good things do we sometimes confuse and put in place of God?

## MEMORIZE

“And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’”

“So the Jews said to him, ‘What sign do you show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’”

*JOHN 2:16-19*

# NEXT STEPS

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*List 1-3 worldly desires that battle for control of your heart.*

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• What do you value most: safety, security, worldly possessions, or following after God faithfully?

• What is one thing you need to let go of for God to have all of your heart?

• Share with a friend what you need to let go of. Ask them if they have anything like that. Spend some time in prayer together.

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**A NEW LIFE  
IS WAITING  
*FOR EVERYONE***

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***WEEK 3***

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Nicodemus learns what it means to be born of the Spirit. Jesus shares His mission to save the world from sin. John tells people Jesus is from God.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is one question you wish people would ask you?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3**

## OPENING PRAYER

*May we put aside all of the things that  
compete for our attention and cling  
to the new life we have in Jesus.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What does it mean to be “born again”? (3:3)

What does Jesus say about the Spirit? (3:6-8)

What was Nicodemus’ occupation? (3:1;10)

What does Jesus say about life? (3:16-18)

What does Jesus say about light and darkness? (3:19-21)

How does John the Baptist describe Jesus? (3:25-36)

What are the preconceived notions you have about God that limit your ideas of what He can do?

What does it look like to be led by the Spirit? Do you live like someone led by the Spirit?

What does it look like for you to discover true life in Him?

## MEMORIZE

“The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

*JOHN 3:35-36*

# NEXT STEPS

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- Have ever helped someone take a next step in faith? What are the things that you need to rethink about your own walk with God in order to fully step out in faith? Who do you know that needs to hear about the Gospel?
  
- Take a minute and fully write out a definition of the Gospel. Cite references from Scripture.
  
- Share your definition with a friend. Ask them what they think of your definition and what they would add.
  
- Write down what God has done in your life in the past and what He is doing right now in this season.
  
- Write down the name of one person you know that needs to know Christ and pray for them today.

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# JESUS AS MESSIAH

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WEEK 4

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Pharisees became jealous of Jesus because of His influence. Jesus asks for water from the Samaritan woman and gives her Living Water. Jesus heals the official's son.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is the most valuable thing you own?

KEY SCRIPTURE: *JOHN 4*

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we be sustained by the  
life-giving water found in Christ alone.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What does Jesus teach the Samaritan woman about water?  
(4:7-15)

Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? (4:25-26)

What does Jesus teach the disciples about food? (4:31-37)

What did Jesus do for the official's son? (4:46-54)

What does it mean for Jesus to be called the Messiah?

What does it look like for Jesus to be water for you in your life?

## MEMORIZE

"Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

*JOHN 4:13-14*

# NEXT STEPS

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*Jesus' food was to do the will of the Father. He was compelled to share His good news with the people around Him.*

• What is your food? What sustains you? What does it look like for you to do the will of the Father?

• Who are the people in your life that need to hear more about the good news of Jesus? Write down their names below.

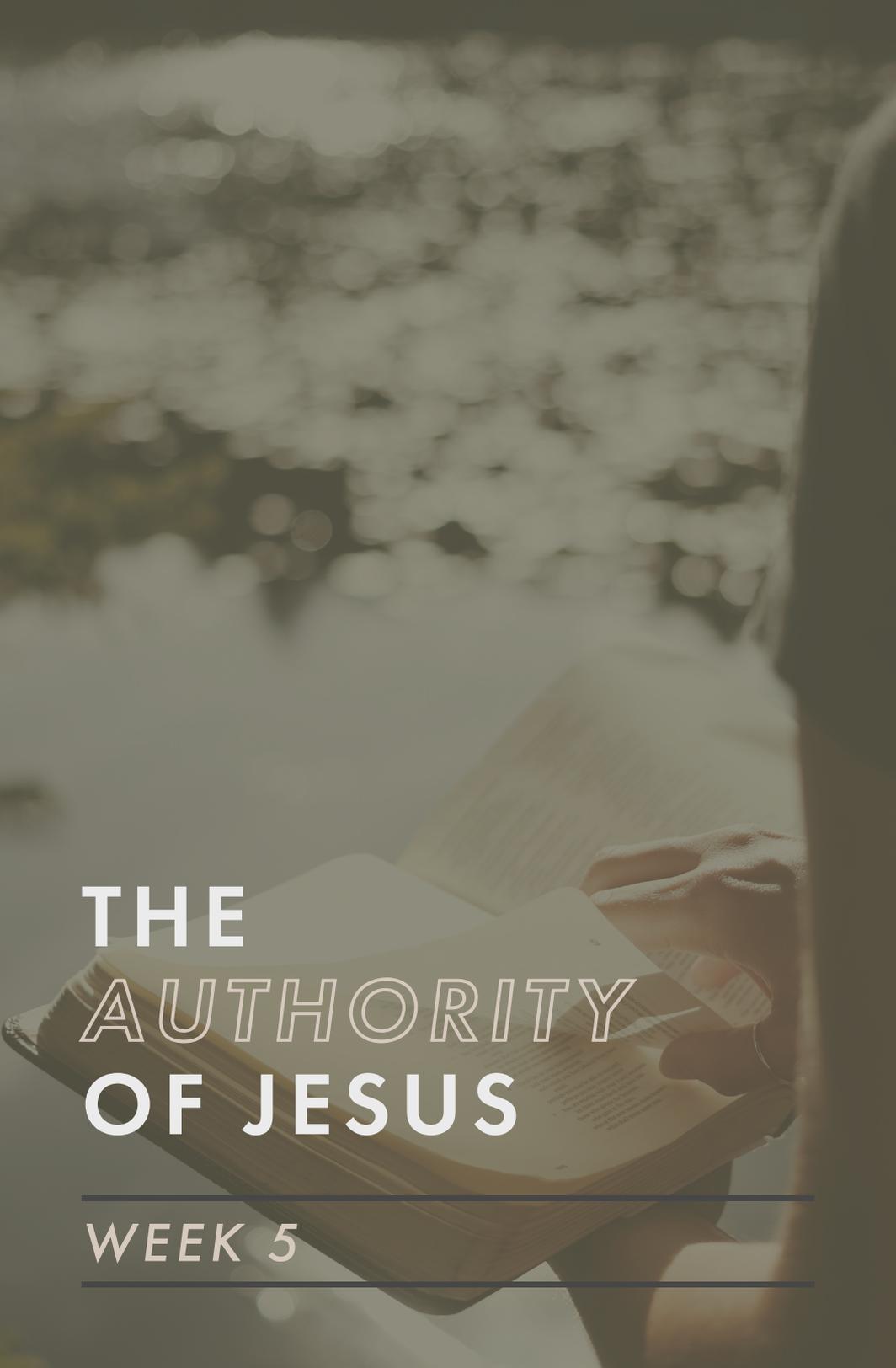
• Reach out to 2 people who don't know Jesus this week and ask them, "Can I tell you about what God is doing in my life?"

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A person is shown from the side, holding an open book and reading. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of light, suggesting an outdoor setting like a garden or park. The overall tone is warm and contemplative.

# THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

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WEEK 5

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus heals a paralytic on the Sabbath, proclaims authority by calling God "Father" and causes commotion among the Jews. Jesus accuses them of knowing Scripture but not living it out.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is your favorite hobby and what is something you have learned from doing it?

KEY SCRIPTURE: *JOHN 5*

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we not only know Your Word.  
May we live out Your Word boldly.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What happened at Bethesda? (5:2-9)

Why were the Jews seeking to kill Jesus? (5:10-18)

How does Jesus describe the relationship between the Father and the Son? (5:19-47)

Do you ever let other people's opinions keep you from doing what God wants you to do?

Who is someone in your life that is an example of someone that shares their faith?

What is it about them that is different from other people?

## MEMORIZE

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

*Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."*

*JOHN 5:24-25*

# NEXT STEPS

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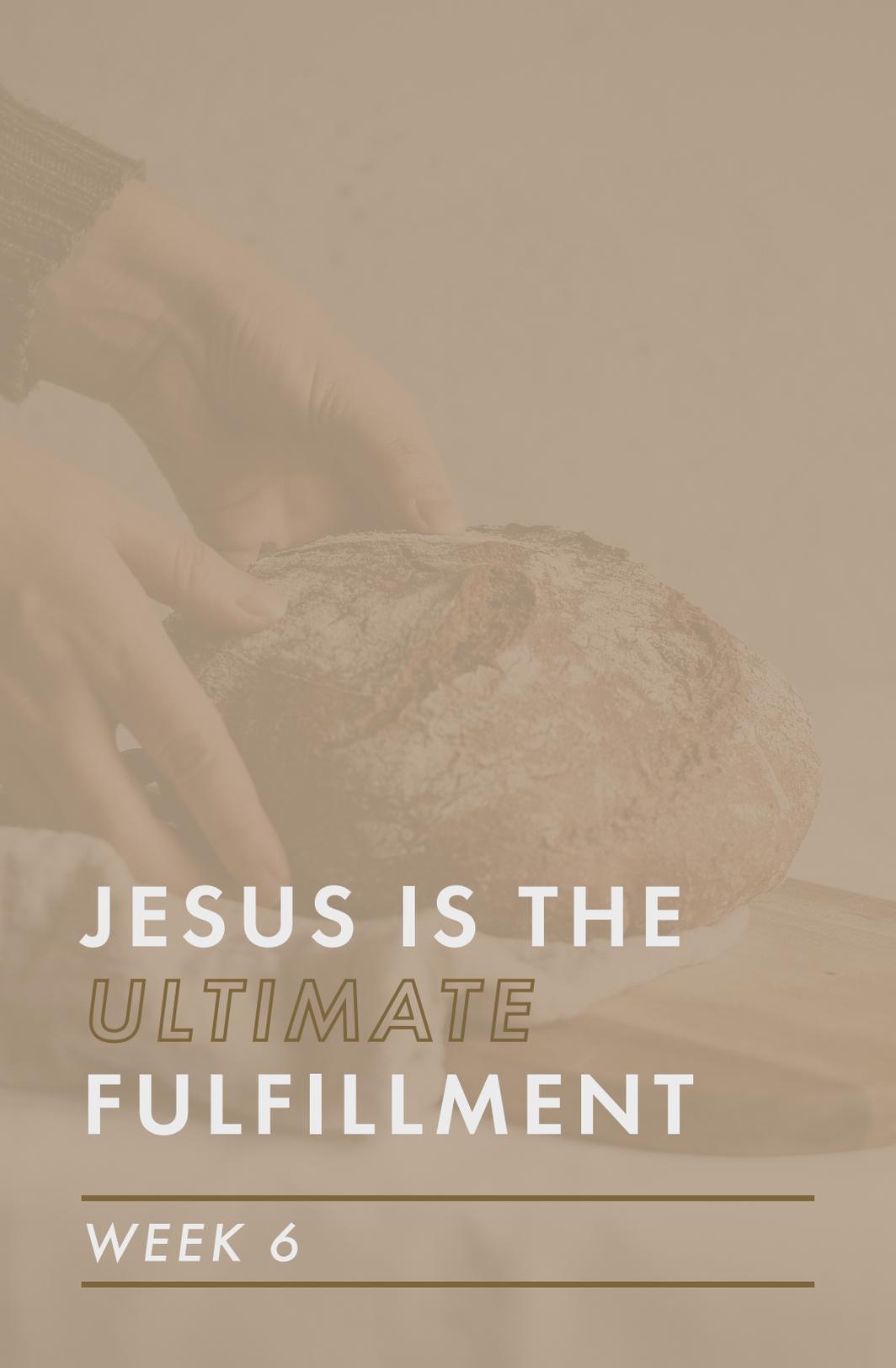
- Are you willing to step out in faith and obedience to Jesus no matter the cost?
- Does fear ever keep you from sharing your faith with others?
- Write down a couple of specific fears that keep you from telling others about Jesus. Tell one other person about these fears.
- Ask them if they share in any of those fears and what fears they have.
- Pray with one another and ask God to help you boldly share your faith.

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large, rustic loaf of bread. The bread has a thick, golden-brown crust with some flour dusting. The hand is positioned on the left side of the loaf, with fingers gently gripping it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown color. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent brown filter.

**JESUS IS THE**  
*ULTIMATE*  
**FULFILLMENT**

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*WEEK 6*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus teaches in the Temple during the Feast of Booths. Religious leaders seek to arrest Jesus. Jesus continues to claim that He is from God and will send the Holy Spirit.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is one thing we would never guess about you?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6**

# OPENING PRAYER

*God, thank You for Your Son. May our  
desires conform to Your will for our lives.  
May we live to bring You glory.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What did Jesus do for the large crowds? (6:1-15)

How did the people react to this miracle? (6:14-15)

What did Jesus tell the people on the Sea of Galilee? (6:16-21)

How did Jesus describe the food He gives? (6:25-59)

Compare the crowd's reaction with Simon Peter's response. (6:60-71)

What are the desires God has put on your heart?

What does it look like for you to find all your fulfillment in Jesus?

# MEMORIZE

“Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

*JOHN 6:32-33*

# NEXT STEPS

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- What is your response to Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What are the hard things that you need to do in your life in order to fully follow Him and make Him King over your entire life?

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**DOUBT**  
*AND*  
**DISCOVER**

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*WEEK 7*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus teaches in the Temple during the Feast of Booths. Religious leaders seek to arrest Jesus. Jesus continues to claim He is from God and will send the Holy Spirit.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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How do you recognize when you are stressed?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 7**

# OPENING PRAYER

*God, may we be overwhelmed by who You are. May our doubts decrease as we cling to You as our firm foundation for our lives.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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Why did Jesus not go into Judea? (7:1-13)

Where did Jesus say His teaching was from? (7:14-31)

What does Jesus give to the person who follows Him? (7:32-39)

Why were people divided over Jesus and His teaching? (7:40-53)

What are some doubts that you have wrestled with in your journey of faith?

What have you discovered about Jesus from your own life?

## MEMORIZE

“The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.”

*JOHN 7:18*

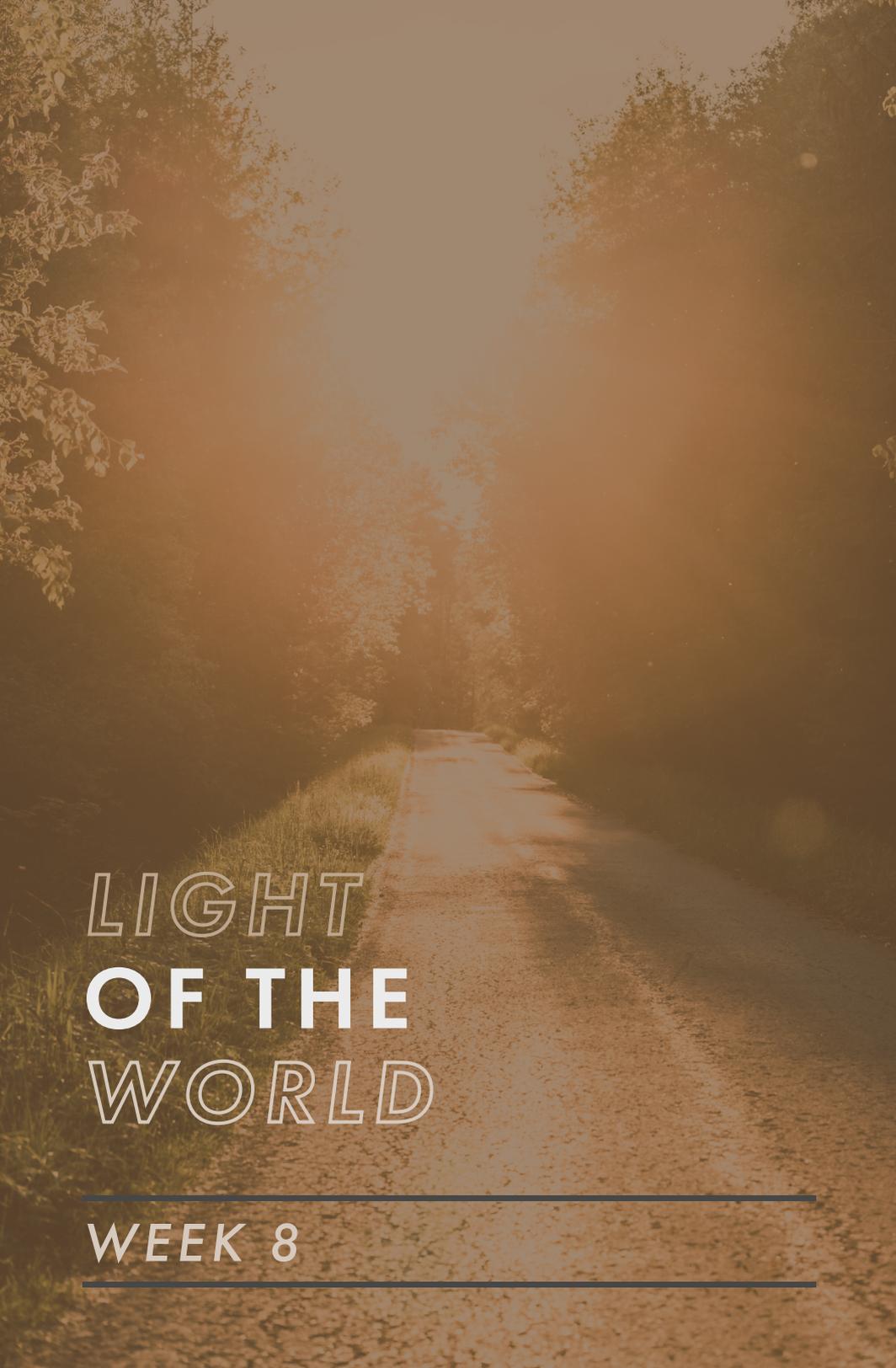
# NEXT STEPS

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- What are the opinions you see of Jesus and Christians today? Are they justified?
  
- What needs to be our response as Christians to the world around us?
  
- Ask someone you know that doesn't go to church why they don't go to church.
  
- Listen to them, write what they say down, and have a conversation about it.

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LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD

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WEEK 8

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus shows grace to the woman caught in adultery. Jesus claims He is sent from the Father and condemns the Jewish people who do not accept Him.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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Who is one mentor that you look up to and why do you look up to them?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 8**

# OPENING PRAYER

*Father, we cling to Your grace. May we live from the confidence and freedom that is only found in You.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What was Jesus' response to the woman caught in adultery? (8:1-11)

What does Jesus refer to Himself as? (8:12-30)

What does Jesus say will set them free? (8:31-38)

What did Jesus say about the people who were claiming confidence about Abraham being their father? (8:39-47)

Why did they try to stone Jesus? (8:48-59)

What does Jesus mean when He says that He is the Light of the World?

What has it looked like for you to have freedom in Jesus?

## MEMORIZE

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*JOHN 8:12*

# NEXT STEPS

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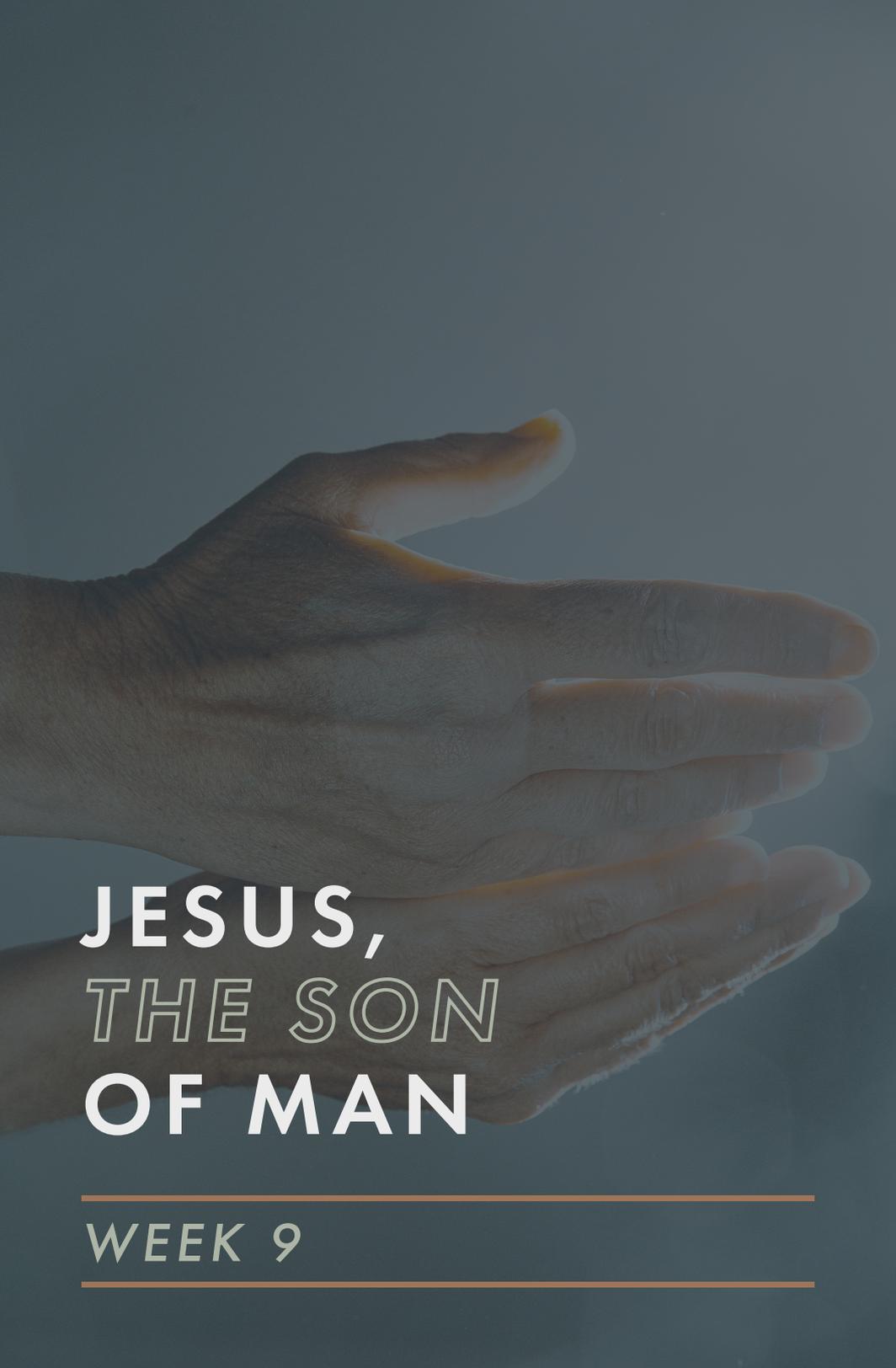
- Do you show grace in the same way Jesus shows grace in this passage?
  
- What would it look like for you to love and forgive the way Jesus loves and forgives?
  
- Why is it important for us to know what we believe about who Jesus is, where He is from, and what He says?
  
- Ask someone you know who is a believer why they actually believe in Jesus. Spend some time thinking about that for yourself and write it down.

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**JESUS,**  
*THE SON*  
**OF MAN**

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*WEEK 9*

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## MESSAGE NOTES

### KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus heals a man born blind. Jesus proclaims that He is the Son of Man and has come to bring sight to the blind of this world.*

### BREAK THE ICE

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What is something you have drawn inspiration from recently?

KEY SCRIPTURE: *JOHN 9*

# OPENING PRAYER

Father, open our eyes and  
help us to embrace Jesus fully.

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What did the people say was the reason for the man's blindness? (9:1-2)

What did Jesus do? (9:3-7)

What was the problem the Pharisees had with what Jesus had done? (9:13-23)

What was the Pharisees' reaction to the blind man's testimony?  
(9:24-34)

How did Jesus respond to the blind man and the Pharisees?  
(9:35-41)

What have you been spiritually blind to?

## MEMORIZE

"Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

JOHN 9:39

# NEXT STEPS

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- Who do you believe Jesus is?
  
- Read through the testimony of the blind man again (9:24-34). Are your eyes opened to what God is currently doing in your life?
  
- Jesus heals the man born blind but then refers to the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees (9:35-41). Take some time for prayer and evaluation of your own life. What are you currently blind to? Are there any sins in your life that you have become comfortable with? Have going to church, praying, and reading the Bible become routines and lost meaning? Are there relationships that are keeping you from following Jesus more fully?
  
- Ask a friend to process this with you and pray with you.

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**MORE FAITH —**  
**MORE HATRED**

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**WEEK 10**

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and says that the only way to God is through Him. Jesus claims to be the Son of God and the Jewish people accuse Jesus of blasphemy.

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is one thing you have learned about yourself in the last month?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: *JOHN 10***

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we find protection and  
guidance in the Good Shepherd.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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What does Jesus refer to Himself as? (10:1-11)

Why does Jesus refer to Himself as a shepherd? (10:12-21)

What is Jesus' response to the Jewish people's question about being "the Messiah"? (10:22-30)

Why did the Jews want to stone Him? (10:31-42)

How have you ever felt hostility toward you because of your faith?

What do you need to do to step out in faith?

## MEMORIZE

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

*JOHN 10:11*

# NEXT STEPS

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- Have you listened to the call of Jesus? Do you know His voice? Is Jesus the Good Shepherd of your life? Are you listening to His voice? Are you listening to His guidance? Do you obey His voice?

- What are the other doors that people try to use outside of Jesus? Is Jesus the only way to eternal life? What does that mean for those who haven't accepted Jesus?

- Who is someone you know that hasn't accepted Jesus as their Savior? Spend some time praying for them.

- Give that person who doesn't know Jesus a call or shoot them a text and let them know that you are praying for them today.

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**JESUS**  
*PRAYS*

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*WEEK 11*

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## MESSAGE NOTES

### KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus is the High Priest. Jesus prays to be glorified and for the unity of His disciples.*

### BREAK THE ICE

What is the biggest challenge in your life right now?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17**

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we be one, unified in heart  
and soul as we serve the King.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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How does Jesus begin His prayer? (17:1-5)

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for His disciples? (17:6-19)

Why does Jesus pray for those who believe in Him to be one?  
(17:20-26)

What stands out to you the most about Jesus' prayer?

Why is unity important?

What challenges you the most from His prayer?

## MEMORIZE

"And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

*JOHN 17:11*

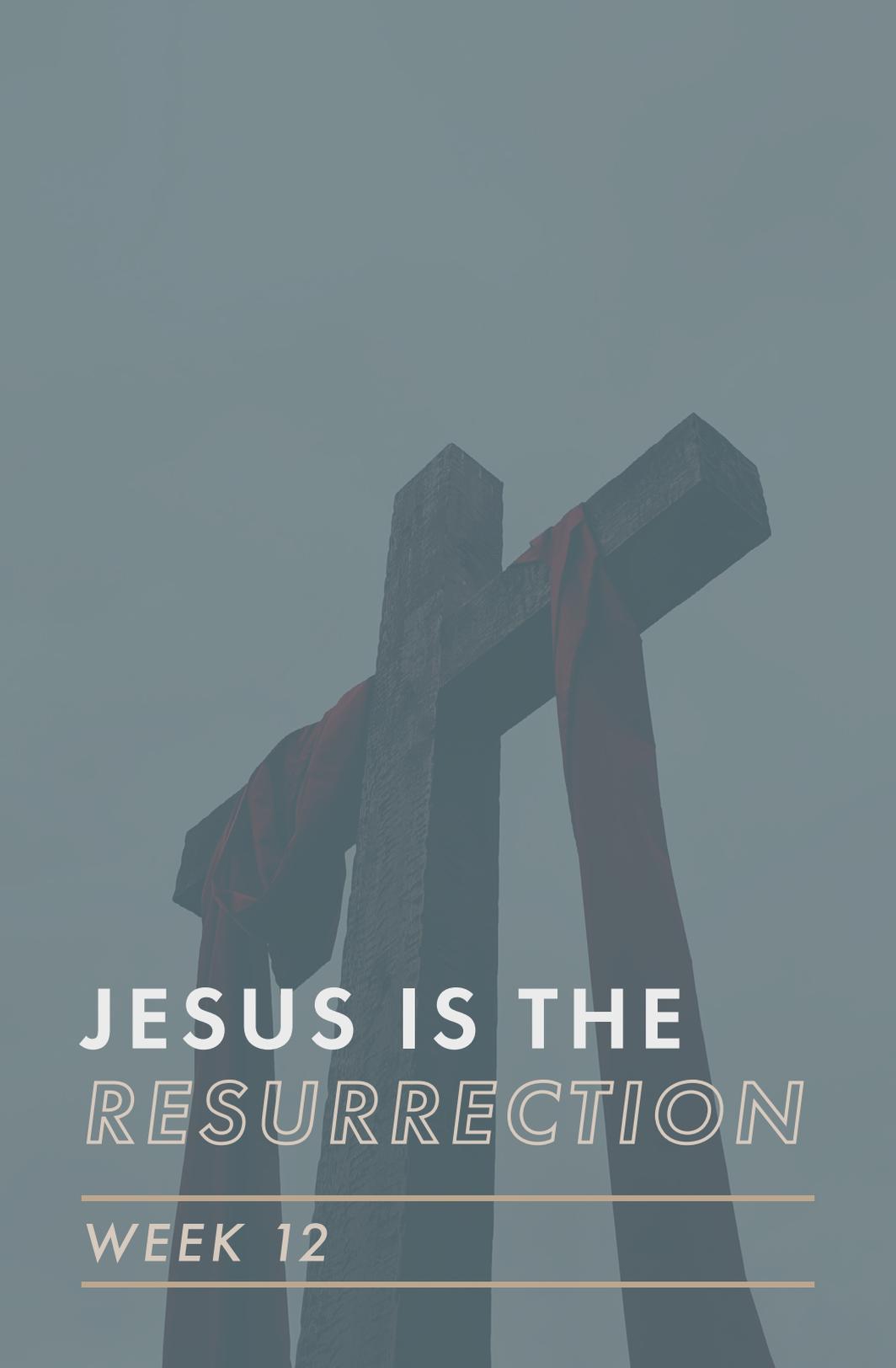
# NEXT STEPS

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- What does your prayer life look like?
  
- Do you derive your confidence and direction from God?
  
- Jesus says that He sends His people into the world. Who has God sent you to? Make a list of names of people in your spheres of influence. *Ex: Write: The Gym: Jimmy, Ron, and Bruce; Hiking Group: Jenny, Susie, Rhonda, and Carrie.*
  
- Spend some time praying specifically for each person God has put in your sphere of influence.

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**JESUS IS THE**  
*RESURRECTION*

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*WEEK 12*

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# MESSAGE NOTES

## KEY THOUGHTS

*Jesus was flogged, mocked, and given a crown of thorns. The crowd cried out for His crucifixion. He was crucified, died, and was buried. In John 20 Mary Magdalene, Peter and John see the tomb is empty. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the disciples.*

## BREAK THE ICE

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What is one next step you feel like you need to do after doing this study?

**KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 19 + 20**

# OPENING PRAYER

*May we live each day in freedom and confidence because of the resurrection. May our hearts be burdened for those who don't know Him and may we help others to see and experience the love that Jesus has for them.*

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## CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

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Why was Pilate's inscription significant? (19:16-27)

What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished." (19:28-37)

What did Nicodemus do? (19:38-42)

What did the disciples find at the tomb? (20:1-20)

Describe Mary's experience in the garden. (20:11-18)

What did Jesus tell the disciples? (20:19-23)

What did Jesus do for Thomas? (20:24-29)

What is the purpose of the book of John? (20:30-31)

What did Jesus's death and resurrection accomplish?

What has going through the Gospel of John taught you about God and yourself?

After going through this study, what are some of the next steps you feel God calling you to?

## MEMORIZE

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

*JOHN 20:21*

# NEXT STEPS

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- Have you ever struggled with doubt in your walk with Jesus? If so, why?
- What makes it difficult for someone to believe in Jesus?
- Write out your testimony regarding who Jesus is, why He matters, and what He has done in your life.
- Write about a time when you struggled in your faith.
- Write out a plan to share your faith with the people in your sphere of influence.

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