

Chapter 1

- In John 1:40-42 Andrew not only did Andrew hear about Jesus and decide to follow Jesus, but he was also eager to introduce others to Jesus. How many people in your life have heard you talk about your relationship with Jesus?

Chapter 2

- In John 2:7-8 Jesus turns ordinary water into the best wine. Just like the wine Jesus made was the best, so life in him is better than life on our own. What “ordinary” parts of your life can you invite Jesus into this week?

Chapter 3

- From verses 1-21...How does belief show itself?
- From verses 22-36...What can we learn about how to live from John the Baptist?
- Read John 3:30. How can you make more of Jesus and less of yourself today?

Chapter 4

- Read verses 13-15. Just like our bodies need food and water, our souls need spiritual food and water. What can you do to satisfy your need for spiritual food and water every day?
- How does the Holy Spirit help you worship? (see Romans 8:26, John 14:26, and Romans 5:5)
- Read verse 34. What does Jesus say is his spiritual nourishment? According to his answer we are not only nourished by what we take in, but also by what we give out, or do, for God. Besides taking in spiritual nourishment, what, specifically, can you do today to be nourished spiritually?

Chapter 5

- Are your personal guidelines for living (and we all have them) God-made or man-made? Are they helping people, or have they become stumbling blocks for people?
- What claims did Jesus make about himself in verses 16-30?
- In your own spiritual journey, when did you come to understand the truth in verse 24? How does that truth affect your self image, your lifestyle, and your goals today?
- Have you ever missed Jesus in the scriptures?

Chapter 6

- What's your default...looking for a human solution to a problem or looking for a God-solution? How do you feel when there doesn't seem to be a human solution?
- What is one small step you can take to make yourself available to God?
- According to John 6:44, who plays the most active role in salvation? What is our role?
- How would you have responded if you were in the crowds hearing Jesus talk about eating his flesh and drinking his blood?
- What does "eating his flesh" and "Drinking his blood" mean to you now? And why is it different than if you had been in the crowd that day (if it is different)?

Chapter 7

- Do you face any family opposition or ridicule for your faith? How do you deal with it? How does Jesus' situation help?
- What evidence can you offer of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? How is his presence like flowing water?
- There were many different opinions about Jesus throughout chapter 7 (his brothers didn't believe in him, "He's a good man," "He's a fraud," demon-possessed, the Messiah, not the Messiah, the Prophet they were expecting). What different opinions about Jesus do you hear today? What's your opinion and how does that have eternal consequences?
- Nicodemus shows up a second time (first time he met Jesus under the cover of darkness in John 3...he walked away with a new understanding of himself and of God) in 7:50 raising the question of justice among Pharisees talking about ways to eliminate Jesus. His objection was overruled, but he had spoken up...a huge step. He was growing. God looks for steady growth, not instant perfection. How well does your present level of spiritual growth match up with how long you have known Jesus?

Chapter 8

- What do you think Jesus wrote on the ground?
- How does the way Jesus treated the women in verses 1-11 help you face your sins?
- What can you learn from Jesus about helping a friend who has fallen?
- What is the freedom that Jesus is talking about in verse 32?
- Satan uses things in each of our lives to keep us from hearing and believing in Jesus. He used stubbornness, pride, and prejudices to keep the religious leaders from hearing and believing in Jesus (verse 43). What does he use in your life?
- What claim is Jesus making about himself in verse 58? What difference does this claim make for you?

Chapter 9

- Why do you think the disciples thought somebody had sinned to cause the man to be blind?
- How would your life be different if good behavior were always rewarded and bad behavior was always punished? Why do you think the world doesn't work this way?
- Read verse 25. How much do you need to know in order to share Christ with others?
- Through the narrative in chapter 9, the man begins to see Jesus more and more clearly for who he was (see verse 9, 17, 25, 33, 38). How do you see Jesus differently now than you did when you first turned to him?
- Read 1 Peter 3:18. How are you continuing to grow? (What are you intentionally doing in order to grow? What evidence is there of growth in your life?)

Chapter 10

- What "shepherd-like" qualities about Jesus make the most difference for you in your life?
- How do you discern Jesus' voice from all other voices competing for your attention?
- How has "the thief" attempted to steal, kill, and destroy in your life?
- How have you experienced a rich, satisfying, and abundant life through Jesus?
- What can we learn from Jesus' words in verse 16?

Chapter 11

- How would you feel if you were Mary or Martha and you heard that Jesus had finally come (verse 20)?
- Why do you think Jesus was angry (verse 33 & 38)?
- Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?
- If you compared your spiritual life to Lazarus, where would you be and why?
 - A. Feeling ill
 - B. In the grave
 - C. Just being restored to life
 - D. Alive, but still wrapped in grave clothes
 - E. Alive and free of the grave clothes
- If you had been on the Sanhedrin (the council made up of the priests and pharisees) what would you have said and done (verse 47-48)?
- Did politics or truth win out in this circumstance?
- How can you find encouragement today from the account in John 11?

Chapter 12

- John 2:25 reminds us that Jesus knew what was in each person's heart, so we know that Jesus knew what Judas was doing in verses 4-5. Why do you think he didn't do anything about it? What lesson can we learn here when we choose sin in our own life?
- What can we learn about the value of money from Jesus' response to Judas in verses 7-8?
- Why were the people worshipping Jesus and praising God in verse 13? What changed between this and John 19:6?
- In verse 26 Jesus says "anybody who wants to be my disciple must follow me." What will you actively do today to follow Jesus?
- Read verse 45. Based on what you've seen in Jesus' life so far as we've been reading through John, what are some truths you know about God?

Chapter 13

- Put yourself in the room in this chapter. What stands out as most significant to you? Why?
- In verse 3 John describes what fueled Jesus' ability to serve selflessly (he "knew the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God"). How can you live a life of selfless service with this knowledge as your fuel? What would it take for you to be able to serve like Jesus did (see verse 15)?
- In verse 12 Jesus asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" Do you understand what Jesus was doing? Explain.
- In verse 26, "Jesus responded, 'It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl.' And when he dipped it, he gave it to Judas." Culturally, the most honored guest at a meal was often singled out in the same way that Jesus singled out Judas. What does this say about Jesus' feelings toward Judas? What does it say about Jesus' feelings towards you? What can you learn about how you should feel about others...especially those who oppose you?
- What was "new" about the new commandment Jesus gives in verse 34?
- In verse 37 Peter says, "I'm ready to die for you." What do you think is easier...to die for Jesus or to live for Jesus? Why?

Chapter 14

- In verse 1 why would their hearts have been troubled?
- In light of verse 6, how would you respond to someone who says, "there are many ways to God"?
- How does what Jesus says in verses 13-14 change the way you approach prayer? What would be a mis-interpretation of these verses?
- In different translations there are different titles for the Holy Spirit in verse 16: counselor, comforter, advocate, helper, and friend. Which is your favorite and why?
- What does Jesus teach about the Holy Spirit in verses 16 and following that stands out the most to you? How does this truth help shape your day to day life?
- How can you be sure that a teaching is from the Holy Spirit?
- According to this chapter, what should be our response to Jesus? In what area of your life do you need to live this out today?
- What hope do you find in verse 30?

Chapter 15

- Describe the 4 “characters” Jesus refers to in verses 1-2.
- What are the two kinds of pruning Jesus talks about in verse 2?
- What is the “fruit” Jesus is talking about?
- What does it mean to “remain (or abide) in me”? How do you personally “remain” in Jesus?
- How do these first few verses in chapter 15 make you feel? Why?
- How can verse 11 help you or someone you know with your mental health? (by the way, I am in no way minimizing the reality of mental health issues or trying to say there is an easy answer that will solve all mental health problems)
- Jesus uses two names for the Holy Spirit in verse 26: “Advocate” and “Spirit of Truth.” “Advocate” conveys the helping, encouraging, and strengthening work of the Holy Spirit, specifically for our hearts. “Spirit of Truth” points to the teaching, illuminating, and reminding work of the Spirit specifically for our minds. The Holy Spirit ministers to both the head and the heart. When have you felt the need for the Holy Spirit to minister specifically to your heart or your mind/head?

Chapter 16

- Have you ever abandoned your faith? Why? What brought you back?
- Read verse 20. How are the world’s values opposite God’s values? Think about your own personal values (best way to identify them is where you spend your time and money). Are any of your values opposite God’s values?
- How does what Jesus says in verses 23-24 turn the religious practices of the disciples upside-down? How does it change your personal religious practices (or your attitude and approach)?
- Describe Jesus’ patience with the shaky faith of his disciples. How does that compare with Jesus’ patience with you?
- What trials and sorrows are you currently experiencing? What step can you take today to experience the peace Jesus talks about in verse 33 despite your circumstances?

Chapter 17

- In verse 10 Jesus says, “and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.” What does Jesus mean when he said, “they bring me glory”?
- What, specifically, in your life reveals Jesus’ character and presence?
- What parts of your life need to change to reveal Jesus’ character and presence?
- Why does Jesus pray for protection for the disciples in verse 11?
- Read verse 17. How does a follower of Jesus become holy? What specific things can you do today to grow in holiness?
- What is Jesus’ greatest desire for all of his followers? What is his end goal?
- How are you helping with unity, or maybe causing disunity, within the Body of Christ (the church)?

Chapter 18

- Read verses 10-11. Describe a time when you jumped in to take matters into your own hands (or were tempted to jump in) instead of letting God’s plan unfold. Why is it so hard to be patient with God’s plan? What assumptions do we have when it comes to God’s plans?
- Who was scared of who? (compare verse 4 with verse 12) What are you most scared of? Why?
- The first stages of Jesus’ trial took place before Annas (the former high priest) and Caiaphas (the current high priest). Both of these men cared more about their political ambitions than about their responsibility to lead people to God. When are you most tempted to prioritize your own success or agenda over serving God and loving others?
- How do you think Peter felt when the rooster crowed in verse 27? When have you felt like Peter?
- Consider Pilate’s question in verse 38. What’s wrong with the question? How does this question shape our culture today?
- How does Barabbas’ freedom at Jesus’ expense illustrate the Gospel?

Chapter 19

- In verses 4-6 Pilate said two times, “I find him not guilty” before handing Jesus over to be crucified. What do you find yourself saying or thinking to justify or excuse sin in your life?
- Read verse 11. What would change in your life if you really believed you would have no _____ (fill in the blank with power, money, time, success, children, ability, etc.) at all unless it were given to you from God?
- Verse 17 shows Jesus carrying the cross by himself as he walked toward Golgotha. When have you felt like you were carrying your cross all by yourself? (In Luke 9:23 Jesus tells us if we want to be his disciple we must take up our cross daily and follow him...what do you think it means to take up, or carry, your cross?)
- Read verses 25-27. We see Jesus caring for his family even while dying. What can you do today to show your love to your family (despite your circumstances or busyness)?
- In verse 30 Jesus says, “it is finished.” What is “it” and what does it mean for you that it is finished?

Chapter 20

- Are there any words of Jesus or promises of God that you are still waiting to see before you believe?
- Read verses 14-16. Describe a time when you’ve struggled to recognize God’s presence, voice, or activity in your life. How do you know if what you think you’re hearing from God is really from God?
- Read verse 19. Put yourself in the room. What are you thinking and feeling?
- Describe joy? What fills you with joy?
- Do you have any doubts about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, or the Bible? How do you respond to your doubts? How do you think God responds to your doubts?

Chapter 21

- Why does it matter to your faith that Jesus appeared multiple times to his disciples after the resurrection?
- In verse 3 Peter says, “I’m going fishing.” When have you been most tempted to go back to an old way of life? Did you? What happened, or what needs to happen, to convince you that following Jesus is better?
- Read verses 15-17. Is there any part of your life...a person, a habit, a hobby, an attitude, etc...that you would have to honestly say that at least some of the time you love more than Jesus?
- It’s one thing to say you love Jesus, but love requires action. Jesus gave Peter a specific task in response to his love for him (“feed my sheep”). What step of obedience do you need to take because of your love for Jesus?
- Read verses 21-22. When are you most tempted to compare your life to others? What is an appropriate response when you face this temptation?
- John makes it clear in 20:31 what his purpose is in writing his Gospel. In what way has your belief that Jesus is the Son of God been strengthened by reading the Gospel of John?