

READINESS

PASSAGES

John 3:1-21, John 8:31-39, 1 Corinthians 1:22-23

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time and follow these steps to better engage with the passage:
 - PRAY: for insight, conviction, and personal application
 - READ: the passage in two different translations
 - REFLECT: on how the central principle of the passage affects you personally
 - PLAN: brainstorm effective ways that your MC can discuss the meaning, and application of the principles of the passage.

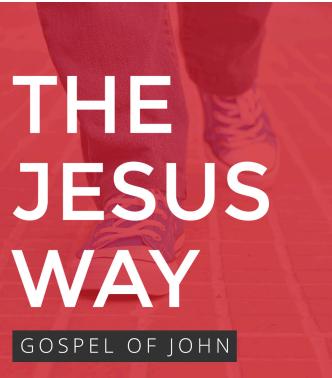
DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Review the main principle from the central teaching.

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2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. If applicable to your planned discussion time, consider using these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
 - What specific areas of fear and deception are hindering your readiness to engage in God's mission?
 - What relational steps can you make with one unbelieving friend that would move them closer to the gospel of Jesus?
 - Among your unbelieving friends, who might be ready to hear the gospel of grace today?
4. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

PRESENTATION SLIDES



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John 8:31-21 | ³¹ So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

John 8:31-39 | ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸ I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father." ³⁹ They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father."

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1 Corinthians 1:22-23 | ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

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John 3:13-17 | ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. ¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵ so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:18-21 | ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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PRINCIPLE 1

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Jesus' Readiness

Engage Mission
Relationships
Demonstrate Grace

Us

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