

EMBRACING JESUS

PASSAGES

John 1:1-18, Philippians 2:4-8, Matthew 10:39, John 1:29, John 1:35-37

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.

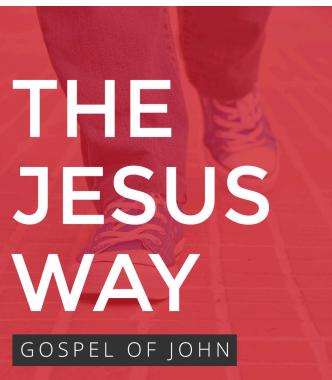
DISCUSS (GROUP)

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 areas of your life show a lack of submission to the authority of Jesus?
 - Consider one way that your life might become more incarnational.
 - Consider some ways (personally & community) that you might lead others to pursue Jesus and not pursue you.
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).

PRESERATION SLIDES



⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

NLT

John 1:1-18 | ¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

NLT

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. ¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

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¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' " ¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

NLT

John 1:1-5 | ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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To live in The Jesus Way, we must embrace Him for who He is

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To live in The Jesus Way, we must embrace His message

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Mission	Actions
Father's glory	Leave
Light	Engage
Grace	Embrace
Truth	Sacrifice

Philippians 2:4-8 | ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 10:39 | ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

To live in **The Jesus Way**, we must know and embrace His method

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John 1:29, 35-37 | ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

To live in **The Jesus Way** is to point people to Him

PRINCIPLE 1

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