



## Bible study for the week starting July 16, 2023

### SHARE

When you were a kid, who was an adult (besides your parent) you thought was awesome, so much so that you followed them around, imitated them, etc.? Did any of these traits imprint on your personality or character to this day?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. If someone asked you what the Gospel is, what would you say?
2. Read **John 3:1-17**. If you want to watch a clip of this that I think is great, you can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2XIUK9VgA> (watch from about 1:42 to 6:38 – or all if it, if you want). The theory you heard (or will hear) in the sermon is that Nicodemus was a little less mold-able than the disciples, many of whom were teenagers when they were called by Jesus. With what concepts did Nicodemus struggle? How was he also a great example of lifelong discipleship? And doesn't the Nicodemus character from *The Chosen* remind you at least a little of Dave Arneson? 😊
3. Read **1 Corinthians 13**. You can have all the right answers, but still not understand the Gospel or discipleship. What do you have to learn and unlearn to grow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
4. Read **Matthew 7:21-23**. Jesus gives an incredibly harsh reminder that some people will say, "Lord, Lord," and He'll respond, "I never knew you." What keeps that from happening to us? (Pay attention to whether your immediate answer is Gospel-centered.)
5. Last week, Pastor Ben painted a picture in his sermon that the call of discipleship (or *discipleship*, as he put it) looks a little different based on each individual person. How has your own discipleship journey been unique? What info or stats would they put on the back of your discipleship baseball card?

### PRAY

Pray that God would continually keep you re-centered in the Gospel, as well as use you to not just *share* but *be* a Gospel presence in the lives of those around you.



Knowing Christ

John 3:1-17

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A POSTURE of discipleship

Every call of Jesus demands a RESPONSE and a SHIFT.

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Knowledge ABOUT Christ is different than KNOWING Christ.

A Gospel-shaped life doesn't START with you.

“I never KNEW you.”

1 Corinthians 13:1: “Not melodious, just ANNOYING.”

The Gospel isn't WHAT you know; it's WHO you know and who you ARE.

*For next week, please read John 15:9-17.*