

Digging Deeper — John 10:22-42

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Day 1

As you pray and thank God for your many blessings, write in your prayer journal the thoughts and ideas from your prayer times and your bible readings, and how can you put these things into action for your life. Read John 10:22-42. What holiday or family celebration do you enjoy the most? The Feast of Dedication was underway in Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking in Solomon's temple (v.23). Read Ezra 6:16. Look up "Feast of Dedication" or "Hannukah" on wikipedia.com or an encyclopedia. What is the history of this festival, why were they celebrating it, and what is the context with respect to Rome and Roman rule over the Jews? Why do you think the Jews who were gathered around Jesus would be pressing him for an answer (v.24)?

Day 2

Find a quiet place to pray. Read John 10:22-42. Meditate on what you have read, asking God to reveal what He wants you to learn. What did Jesus say when asked if he "was the Christ"? What evidence did he provide, what claim did he make? Why was his explanation not enough?

Day 3

Before you read, pray. When you pray, praise God, thank Him for what you have, admit your sins, ask forgiveness, and with humility, ask Him for what you need. Read John John 10:22-42. Go to dictionary.com and look up the definition of truth. What is truth? What truth did Jesus say in verse 30? Why do you think the Jews responded so violently?

Day 4

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand His word. Read John 10:22-42. Can you think of a time in your life when you were blinded to God's truth? Check out 1 Peter 5 verses 6-7. What did you learn about God during that time in your life?

Day 5

Before you read, pray. Praise God for He is worthy. Thank Him for today and His many blessings. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your sin, then confess and repent to Him. Then, with humility, ask Him for what you need. Read John 10:22-42. Why did the Jews (verse 33) say they were going to stone him? Read Psalms 82 verses 5-7. What does Jesus tell them about it?

Day 6

Pray for God to use your time and talent today to help others around you in need. Read John 10:22-42. How important is it to know that Jesus and God are one? Do you believe that? Think about a time in your life when you were sure you were right, but in fact, were wrong in the end. How does this compare to the Jews and how they feel about Jesus. What should our response be to Jesus?