

Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:

Week 9

Beginning question: What's something you believed earlier in your career but think about differently now?

*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God for a believing and receptive heart and for God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.

Read John 16:1-15

What are the names and actions of the Holy Spirit as described here?

Why is it so important to Jesus that his disciples know about the Holy Spirit? What do we gain by having the Advocate?

Read John 16:16-33

What is Jesus telling them will happen?

How will the words Jesus shares here result in his disciples' peace (v. 33)?

How might these words help you to find peace in Jesus? Is there something you need to ask him for?

Read John 17

What stands out to you in this passage?

What does Jesus want his followers to have in common with him?

Why has Jesus sent his disciples into the world (v. 18)?

How does it affect you to know that Jesus did and is praying these things for you? Join him in asking the Father for some of these things.

John 17 *Optionally end with the John 17 Prayer

Father, surely You heard the entreaties of Your Son when He prayed on earth. You have glorified Jesus. Through Him we have eternal life. Grant that we will keep Your Word day by day. Protect us from the lies of our adversary. Help us to hold fast to the truth by Your grace. Your Son has prayed for us. What a tremendous source of confidence to Your people in times of trouble! Even now He intercedes for us. Thank You for this great gift. Sanctify us in the truth. Bring others to us who will hear of Jesus Christ through our words. Grant that we will be one in Your Son forever. May the love with which You love Your Son be in us, and may He Himself be in us.

To watch the video references in the sermon, Youtube search "LUMO-GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 17:1-26" or follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q--KHcWiVgs>