



LIFE GROUP

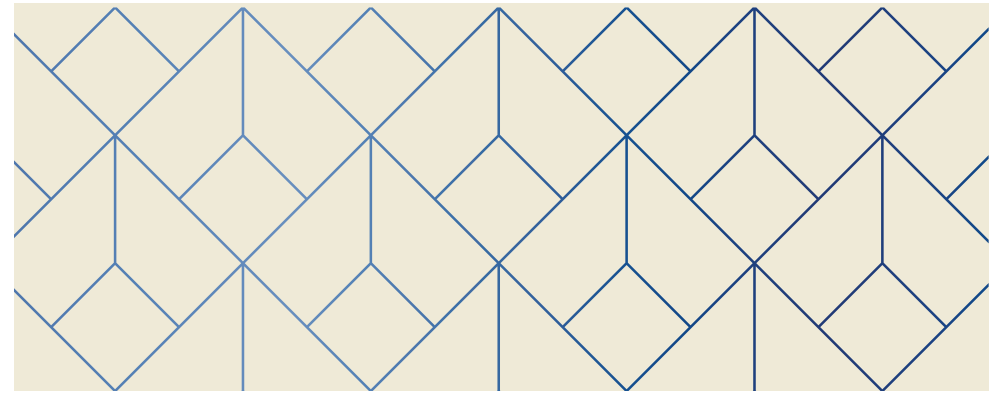
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of April 5, 2020

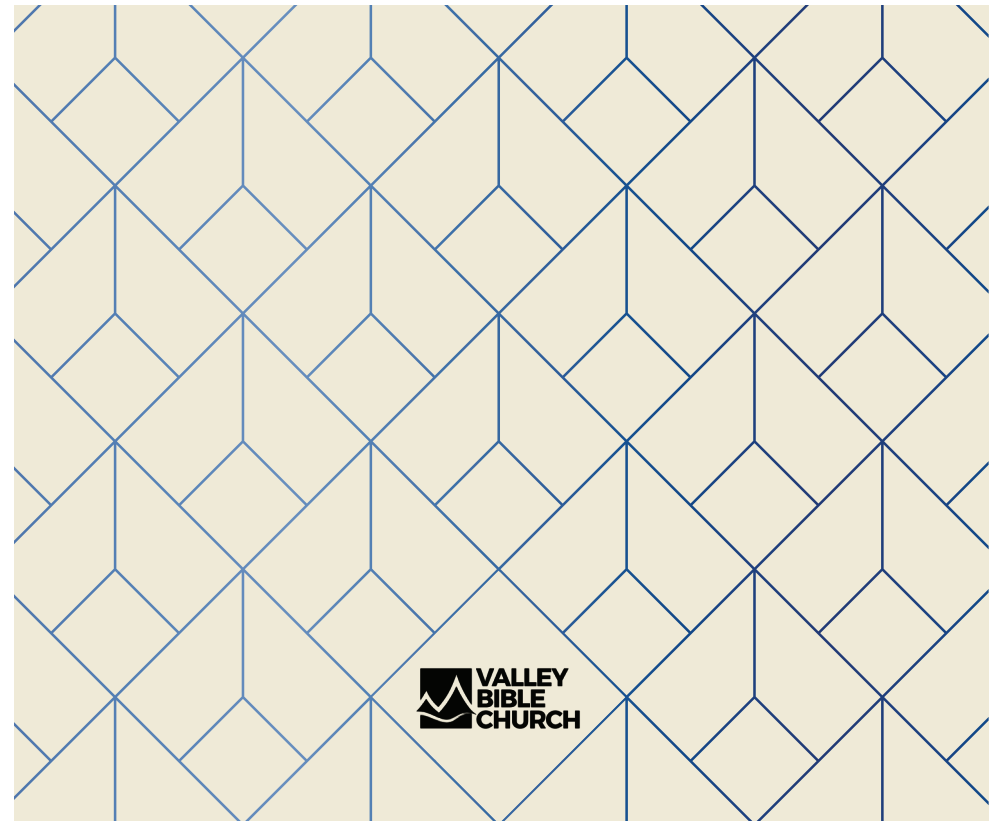
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: *John 3:31-36*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Look back through what we have studied in the book of John so far and challenge yourself to write down two claims Jesus has made thus far which He has "testified" (vs 32).
3. What does the account of Matthew (3:17) or Mark (9:7) add to the claim of John the Baptist in verse 34?
4. Is the statement in verse 34 just as true for all believers as it is for Jesus? Why or why not?
5. When we think of "wrath" we typically think of a sudden outburst of emotion. Do you think this is what is implied in verse 36? Why or why not?
6. What is the relationship between belief and obedience in verse 36? What impact does that have on the way you share the Gospel?
7. Are people always and forever either in a state of eternal wrath or eternal life, or is there a third 'neutral' state that is possible to be in before someone believed or was disobedient?
8. Can a person who believes also face God's wrath for disobedience? How, or why?
9. Have you ever known someone who professes belief in Christ, but later renounced their faith and lived in disobedience? How does verse 36 apply to them?
10. This next week will contain both Good Friday and Easter. How does this passage relate to the events of those days, and how can you use those truths to prepare your heart for their observance?

Make sure to take time this week to contact your fellow Life Group members. As our physical separation increases it becomes all the more important to be there for one another spiritually and emotionally.



T H E G O S P E L O F J O H N



ABOVE ALL

John 3:31-36 / Chris Martin / April 5, 2020

No One is Above Jesus in _____ (31-35)

A _____ without _____ (31-33)

A _____ without _____ (34-35)

No One is Above Jesus in _____ (36)

OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you thinking of volunteering during the summer with VBC Kids? Now is the time to plan ahead. Even just a few weeks would help. **The Children's Ministry is in need of Summer volunteers.** Contact Jennifer Dokken (jennifer@spokanevbc.org) for weeks where help is still needed.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Join our weekly e-newsletter! Each week, Afterthoughts features thoughts from the pastors, up-to-date information on events & announcements, and life group questions. Visit our home page at spokanevbc.org and scroll down to subscribe.

PRAYER

Send us your Praise & Prayer requests online at spokanevbc.org/prayer.

LIFE GROUPS

Even though Life Groups will not be meeting until the start of the new semester after Easter, we will still be making available the weekly Life Group questions. Utilize them for personal study as you continue to worship with the church, even though we are separated by physical distance. We would also encourage you to find ways such as phone calls, texts, and video conferencing to discuss and engage with the questions among your Life Group as a way to maintain fellowship and continue to grow together in Christ despite the current circumstances.

As we all know, life is still happening -- physical distance or not. Stay in contact, pray, identify and meet needs, and be there for one another. Now is when we need it most!

THOSE IN NEED

Please communicate with us if you have financial needs or know of someone who does. Because of your generosity and faithfulness in giving, we have enough financial reserves to pay our staff, pay the bills, and help those who are in need. Many have given specifically to assist anyone in financial distress. We are thankful for all those who continue to give at this time and stand ready to help those who cannot.

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

Our Good Friday service will be livestreamed at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 10. We will lead a communion service on Good Friday so prepare your own bread and cup, and we will all partake at the same time. Our Easter service will be livestreamed at 10 am on Sunday, April 12. Visit our home page on our website for the links to the services.



BRIDGE MINISTRY

Bridge Ministries provides pastoral, biblically based counseling free of charge to our church and the community. It is the guided process of applying biblical wisdom to the hurt in our lives, aimed at bridging the gap between you and your joy. Visit spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries, or contact Pastor Chad Ingalls, our full-time Pastor of Counseling, at bridgeministries@spokanevbc.org for more information.

GIVING REPORT

General: April \$21,359 / YTD \$229,943
Building Fund: Given \$1,077,171 / Loan Remaining Balance \$671,173