

Week of April 18, 2021

- 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. To what degree is vs 15 true all at once, or as a matter of progressive reality? In other words, should a believer be more like a child who is learning to obey, or like a finely tuned watch that is never out of synch?
- 3. Of what specific assistance is the eternal presence of the Spirit (vs 16) in our lives? See, too, Luke 6:46-49 and Romans 8:26.
- 4. How would you explain to a skeptic the idea that obedience to God produces freedom rather than oppression?
- 5. In verse 17 we see that the Spirit is truth. What are the apparent consequences for modern churches who tend to over-emphasize either Spirit or truth and downplay the other?
- 6. When and how are the promises of Jesus in verses 18-20 fulfilled?
- 7. Verses 15 and 21 both relate love to the keeping of commandments. Why is love a unique and necessary motivator for obedience?
- 8. What do you need the Holy Spirit's help with this week? How can your Life Group support you in this?

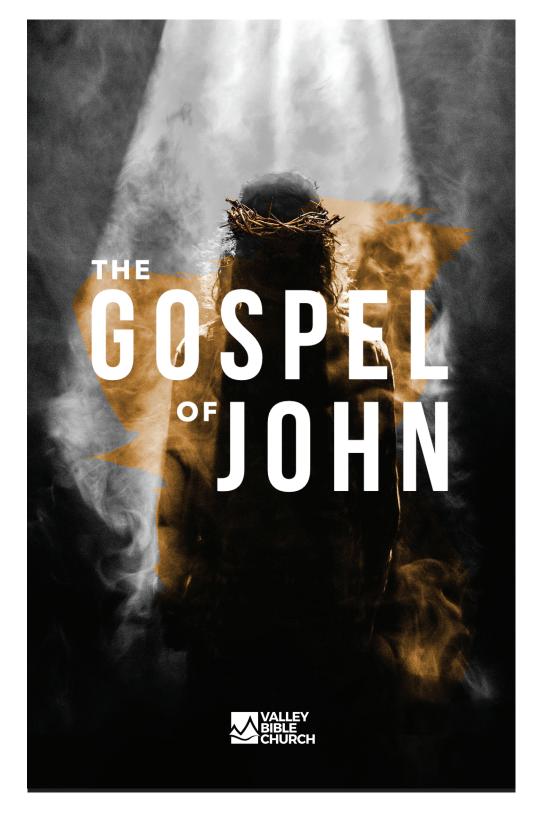
UPCOMING EVENTS June 29-July 1 May 6-8 June 13 **NICS** CHURCH **SEWING** IN THE **CLASS CAMP** PARK July 19-23 August 4-8 **August 12-15 VACATION BASE FAMILY BIBLE CAMP CAMP SCHOOL**











LOVING JESUS

John 14:15-21 / Chris Martin / April 18, 2021

The _	of Loving Jesus (15)
The _	for Loving Jesus (16-20)
	A Mediator (16-17)
	A Meeting (18-20)
The _	from Loving Jesus (21)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH TOUR OF ISRAEL, MAY 11-24, 2022

Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land. This tour is hosted by our own Rex and Kathy Moody. Visit the table in the foyer for more information, call (949) 633-2126 or email kmoody615@aol.com.

ELDER CONSIDERATION FOR CALEB KLONTZ

The elders of VBC would like to commend to you Caleb Klontz for your consideration for the office of elder. Our appointment process includes three weeks of input from the congregation regarding Caleb. Please provide comments through the connection card, emails, or phone.



We partner with parents to help children know God through His Word, serve His people & love their family and peers.

OUR MISSION

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

VBC KIDS SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

VBC Kids will be following *The Travel Guide* to the Beatitudes this summer during Sunday School. Summer is busy for everyone with vacations but if you can teach or help in a classroom this summer (ages 3 to 5th grade) even if it's just a couple of weeks out of the summer please contact *jennifer@spokanevbc.org* or visit the table in the Portico.

NICS CONFERENCE

The Northwest Institute of Christian Studies is pleased to invite you to a *free* conference entitled *A Brave New Religion: Standing Firm in an Anti-Christian Age*. An increasing number of church leaders and scholars are recognizing that the current cocktail of cultural issues facing the church pose the greatest threat to the Gospel in more than a generation. Under the headings of wokeness, intersectionality, social justice, critical race theory, and a myriad other novel and ever-emerging titles, the church has been deluged with an intentional and subversive tide of deception and error. As those who seek to stand firm for the faith handed down once-for-all to the saints, we cannot understand these issues too well. Join us for this weekend of sound teaching as we welcome back Dr. E.D. Burns. He brings many years of experience watching these issues unfold both locally and around the world. The free conference is May 6-8 here at VBC. Register at *spokanevbc.org/events*.

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join us for a one-hour weekly prayer meeting starting at 6:30 pm on Sundays here at VBC.

VBS 2021 VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School's Mystery Island will be held July 19-23, 9am-12:15pm for ages 4 to 5th grade. Registration begins June 7. If you are interested in volunteering this year we have lots of different areas you can help in (volunteers of all ages welcome from 6th grade in the Fall and up). Please see Lisa Wilson at the table in the Portico after service or contact her at wilsonlisa763@gmail.com.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for help in our nursery (ages 0-3) during morning services. Can you volunteer once a month holding babies and playing with toddlers? Contact Jennifer Dokken at *jennifer@spokanevbc.org* if you are interested.

GIVING REPORT

General: April \$43,185 / YTD \$323,629 Building Fund: Given \$1,149,028 / Loan Remaining Balance \$308,644