

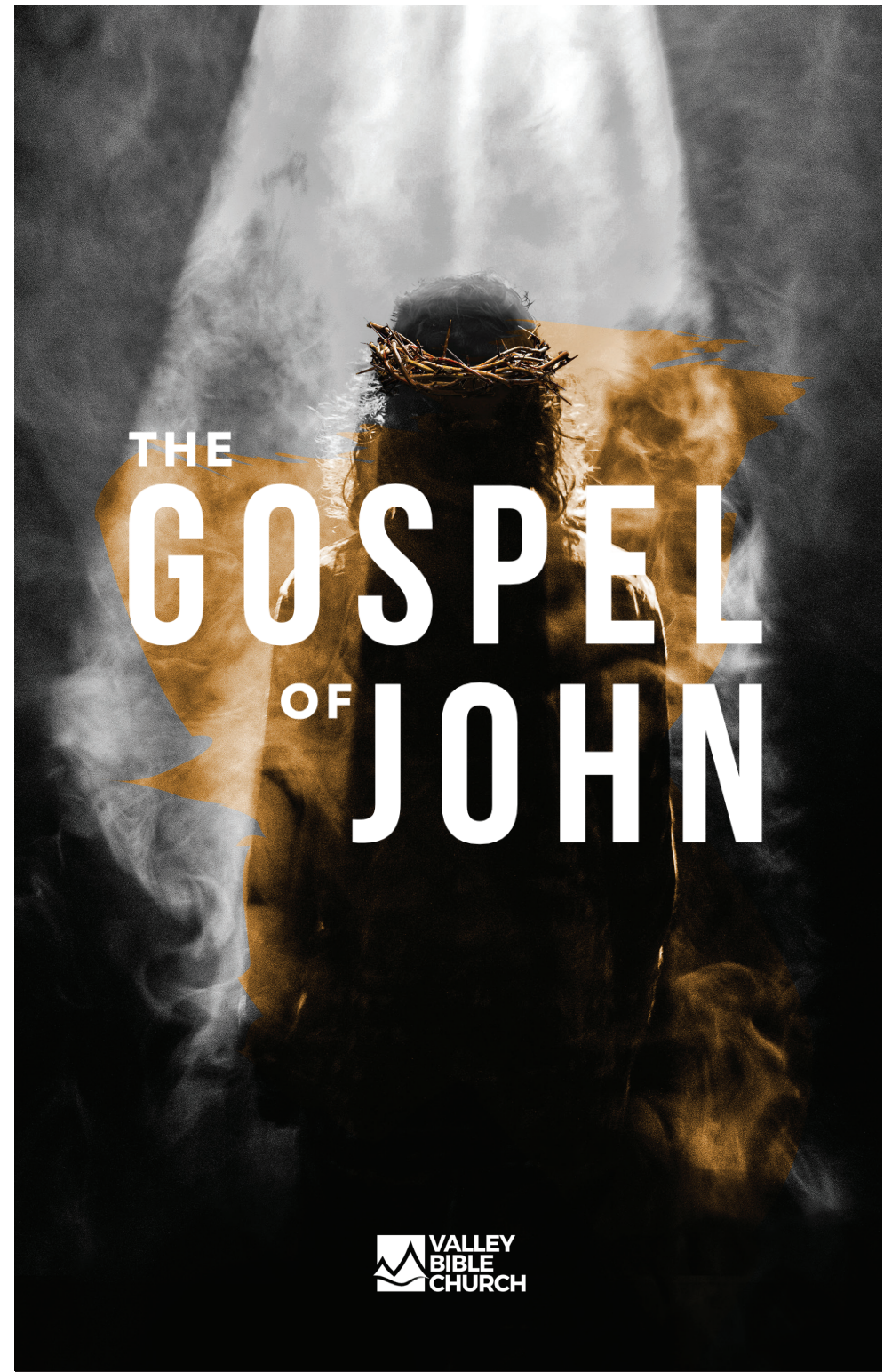


LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 3, 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. Pilate says that he finds no guilt in Jesus (vs.3), and yet he has Jesus scourged. While recognizing that the life and death of Jesus is exceptional in many ways, how important should the concept and application of justice be for the believer today?
3. Of this passage, C. H. Spurgeon said, "Oh, that we were half as inventive in devising honor for our King as these soldiers were in planning his dishonor!" How can you use your authority and influence to purposefully honor Jesus this week?
4. In verse 9 Jesus gives no answer to Pilate's question. Are there times when it is wise for a Christian not to engage with the questions or accusations of the world? Explain.
5. In verses 10 and 11 Pilate and Jesus discuss authority. How should we, as Christians, determine when and how to submit to our authorities when they seem to conflict?
6. From verse 11, in what way can a sin be "greater" than another?
7. What person, status, or thing might you be tempted to preserve or protect even if it meant making moral compromises?
8. How can we find hope in the trials we face through meditation on the trials of Christ in His last hours?



INJUSTICE IN THE HANDS OF GOD

John 19:1-16 / Dr. Mike Powell / October 3, 2021

18:38-39 Pilate tried to _____ Jesus by offering to release either Jesus or a hardened criminal

19:1-6 Pilate had Jesus flogged as a strategy to _____. Cf. Luke 23:16

19:7-12a Pilate fearfully _____ Jesus and again made efforts to release Him

19:12b-16 Pilate succumbed to fear and selfish ambition

Lessons:

1. We can't escape making certain decisions. Make sure they conform to truth and justice no matter the _____
2. Expedient solutions generally come at the expense of _____ and _____
3. Expedient answers often bring _____ results
4. Expedient solutions can have _____ consequences

Why did John include these events in his gospel?

1. To show Jesus is the _____ Lamb of God who was qualified to take away the sins of the world.
2. To reassure us that the plans of wicked men ultimately fulfill the _____.
3. To give us an example to follow when we face _____ and _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered! We could still use a little more help in Children's Sunday School. Contact Jennifer Dokken, jennifer@spokanevbc.org.

IGNITE

Ignite provides college/career-age adults an opportunity for fellowship and Christian growth alongside peers. We are currently going through a new series in Hebrews. Meeting at 7 pm on Mondays at 3616 South Old Schafer lane. Visit the table in the foyer for more info or contact Matthew Doehle for details, 509-969-3899.

NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON

If you are new or want to know more about VBC, you are invited to come to the Newcomer's Luncheon on October 10, right after the second service in room 130. Meet the pastors & staff, enjoy a complimentary lunch, learn about our ministries and more! Children are welcome. Register at spokanevbc.org/events or on the church center app.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 9, at 8 am. It is offered on the second Saturday of every month to men, high school age and up.

PRAYER NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, October 17 at 6:30 pm for an evening of prayer.

VBC WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Women's Ministry is starting up the monthly Women's Breakfast on Saturday, October 16, at 9 am in room 130. No sign-ups, come if you can. See you there!

FALL FLAIR VOLUNTEERS

We are now in October and Fall Flair is just a few short weeks away. Volunteer for Fall Flair and help it come to life on October 31! Sign-ups begin next week in the foyer.

Specific volunteer role examples:

- Game setup crew Sunday right after second service on 10/31
- Tear down/cleanup crew for Sunday night afterward
- Decorations
- Candy & Prize Distribution volunteers
- Kitchen help for food, including popcorn machine
- Volunteers to man the stations
- Food and candy donations

GIVING REPORT

General: September \$83,290 / YTD \$774,778
Building Fund: Given \$1,174,977 / Loan Remaining Balance \$256,473

OUR MISSION

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



MEN'S MINISTRY

VBC Men's Ministries seeks to build up men in the Word and in their lives so that they come to represent Christ well in all things. We sharpen one another as we make application of God's Word in our daily lives. They oversee the Men's Breakfast and the Men's Theology Class and they sponsor special events throughout the year. If you'd like to get involved, learn more at spokanevbc.org/men.

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