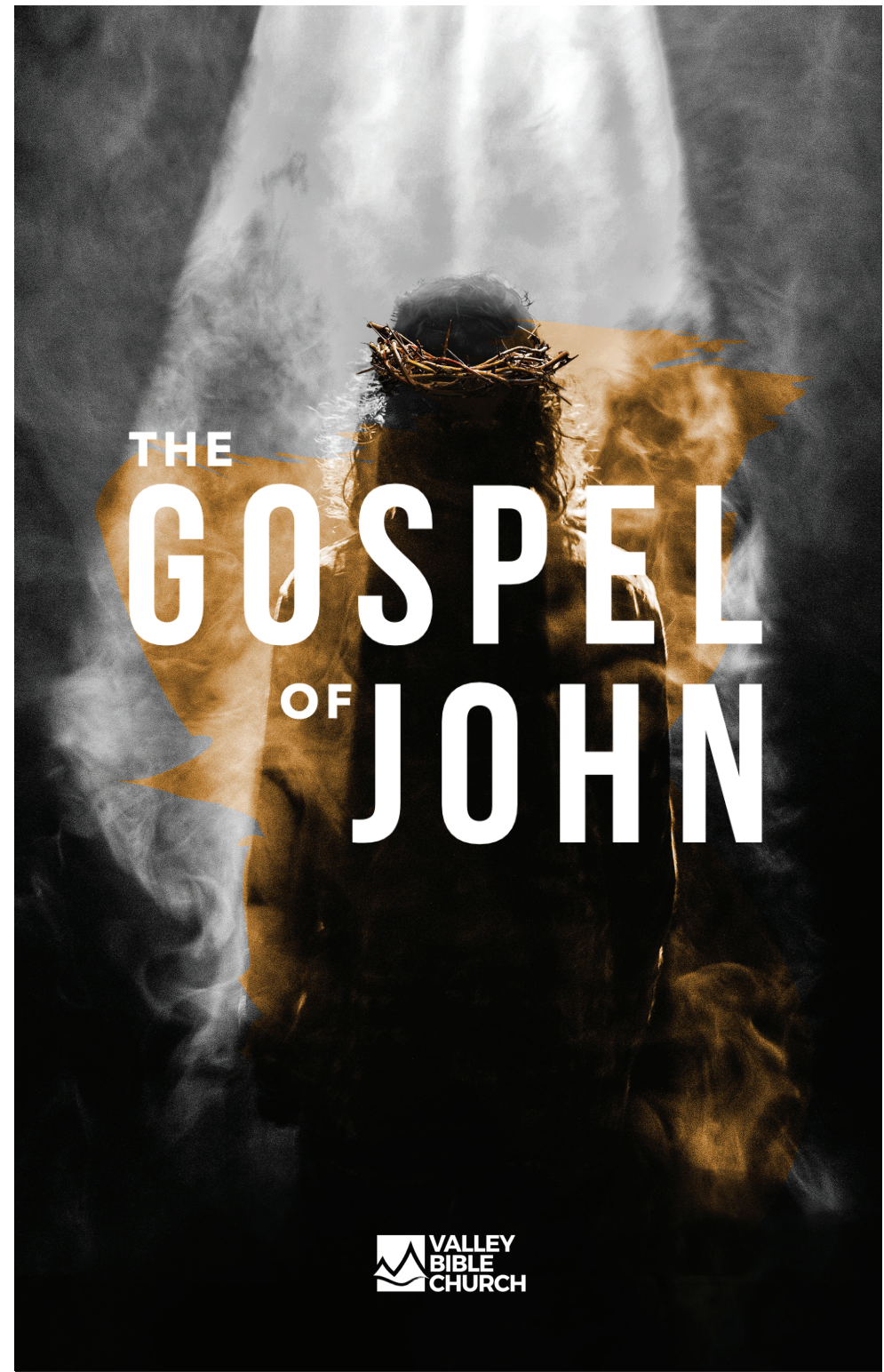


Week of November 14, 2021

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. What was your biggest barrier to becoming a believer? How did God overcome that barrier?
3. Jesus said, "peace be with you" in verses 19 and 21, and now again in verse 26. What, if anything, changes about the meaning or emphasis of the word 'peace' throughout these uses?
4. What meaningful difference is there between ascribing Jesus as "Lord" and "God" (vs 28)?
5. When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who did not see, and yet believed" (vs 29), does that mean there is something we gain by faith without proof, or miss out on because of faith proven by circumstance? Why or why not?
6. If Jesus had not given Thomas the opportunity to see His wounds would Thomas have been responsible for his unbelief? Why or why not?
7. As believers, what sorts of doubt is it ok to have? When do doubts become sinful? See Psalm 13 and Job 10 for scriptural examples of men who doubt.
8. Is there anything that is causing you to doubt or struggle in your faith right now? Take time to pray for and discuss these things as a group.



BUT THOMAS...

John 20:24-29 / Ben Orchard / November 14, 2021

We are _____ to disbelieve what we have not _____ (24-25)

We are _____ sufficient _____ to believe (26-28)

We are _____ to believe in the Lord we've not yet _____ (29)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS SET-UP HELP

Volunteers wanted to help move heavy things, set up decorations, and get the church ready for the Advent season. If you are interested, please contact Marta Berk at marta@spokanevbc.org. Critical set-up will take place on 11/23, 11/24 & 11/27.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Plastic shoeboxes are available in the Foyer. If you would like help with the shipping for the 377 already packed, write a check to Valley Bible with a note that it's for OCC shoeboxes. Last day to return shoeboxes to the church is November 21.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

The Weekend to Remember conference is November 19-21. For more info go to familylife.com/weekend-to-remember.

ADVENT BOOK

If you enjoy going through a book during Advent, *The Dawn of Redeeming Grace: Daily Devotions for Advent* by Sinclair Ferguson (limited copies) are available at no cost to you at the Welcome Counter. One per family please. If you would like to help offset the cost a \$10 donation would be welcome.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Our 3rd-5th graders are collecting food for their annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets service project. The baskets will benefit University Elementary School, Life Services of Spokane, and families in need. Food donations are being collected in the Foyer (November 7 - 17). Contact Jennifer Dokken, jennifer@spokanevbc.org if you or someone you know would like a basket.

3RD-5TH GRADE SOUP AND SERVE

3rd - 5th grade families are invited to join us for our annual Soup N' Service event on Friday, November 19th at 6 pm putting together the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. RSVP to Justyna Dokken at jdokken99@gmail.com or 509-808-0581.

PATIO HEATERS WANTED

We are looking to borrow some patio heaters for our December 4th, Lighting the Path, event. Contact Larry Shockey, 509-868-6838 for more info.

LIGHTING THE PATH

Join us on December 4 starting at 5 pm here at VBC for our 3rd annual outdoor family lighting-the-path event! There will be Christmas carols, a countdown to lighting the path, food (starting at 6), a warm fire, hot chocolate, and activities! Remember to dress warm.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next monthly Women's Breakfast is this Saturday, November 20, at 9 am in room 130. It is offered on the third Saturday of each month to women, high school age and up. No sign-ups, come if you can. See you there!

GIVING REPORT

General: November \$38,768 / YTD \$907,317
Building Fund: Given \$1,180,297 / Loan Remaining Balance \$244,651

OUR MISSION

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



GLOBAL OUTREACH

VBC currently supports fifteen global outreach partners and their families serving in over eight countries spanning four continents. The goal of the Global Outreach team is to maintain personal relationships with these partners, encourage them, and seek out ways to actively engage in and support their ministries. If you would like to consider joining the team or to learn more, contact, Caleb Klontz.

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