

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of March 28, 2021

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### MY STORY

When you hear the word “surrender”, does it create a positive or negative feeling in you? Why?

**QUICK REVIEW:** Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

The atmosphere created by the people’s expectations of Jesus was overwhelming—He was their promised conquering king! Why did He respond as He did? How do you handle other’s erroneous expectations of you?

As you examine your relationship with Jesus, have you had mistaken expectations of Him? How did you handle them?

What is the significance of Jesus’ fulfilling prophecy—(Zech. 9:9). What does it reveal about his life’s purpose?

How could it be that after all Jesus had said and done there were still those who sought to destroy Him? What does that reveal about the human condition?

The second group of people that Jay mentioned were the “uncommitted”. Why do you think they were still on the fence about Jesus? What does it take to win the uncommitted?

The disciples walked with Jesus for three years yet they were often confused about Him. Shouldn’t they have ‘gotten” Him by then? Does their confusion give you hope in your walk with Him?

How would you explain John 12:25 to someone who is a seeker? Why is it important to not leave out the difficult sayings of Jesus when sharing Him with unbelievers?

Jesus commands us to follow Him. What does following Jesus look like in your life?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Roy and Margaret Fitzwater as they serve with the Navigators.

**Serving Opportunity** Please call the church office if you can help serve for either Good Friday, or Resurrection Sunday.



## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe *Surrendering to Jesus*

John 11:54-57; 12:12-26 (ESV) Jay Farwell March 28, 2021

### **I Expectations of Jesus**

- The people had their own expectations
- Jesus did not respond to their expectations

### **II Expectations of Jesus: Don't be Surprised**

- Those who are opposed to Jesus want to be rid of Him.

### **III Expectations of Jesus: Be Warned**

- Those who are uncommitted to Jesus want to modify Him.

### **IV Expectations of Jesus: Be Humble**

- Those who believe in Jesus want to follow Him.

### **V Path to Jesus**

- The path to Jesus is through the cross.

### **VI Path to Jesus: Hate this Life**

### **VII Path to Jesus: Follow Him**