#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of November 22, 2020

#### **MY STORY**

Has there ever been a time when you were lost? How did it feel? How did you get back?

**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**

1. How does Jesus' claim of equality with God play today? What evidence can we offer to support His claims?

2. Jay said that Jesus is by *nature* the Son of God. What do you think that means and why is it significant?

3. Jesus said that all judgement has been given to Him. Does that cause concern or comfort? Matt. 7:21-23 Heb. 10:22

4. Phil. 2:9-11 describes the honor that Jesus will receive in the future. What does honoring Him look like today in our lives?

5. The Bible says that we must believe in order to be saved. How would you explain Biblical belief to someone?

Jn 3:16; 11:25-26 Rom 10:9-10 James 2:14-26

### TAKING IT HOME

Jay said that it was his compass that kept him from being lost in the woods. Our relationship with Jesus keeps us from getting lost in the world. What can you do to strengthen that relationship?

#### PRAYER REQUEST

# **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

**Workers of the Month** Please pray for Matt & Jonna Conway, our Workers in Central Asia.

**Prayer Gathering** Join us tonight, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7 pm for a time of prayer and encouragement.



# The Gospel of John---That You May Believe Jesus, The Ultimate Compass

John 5:18-47 (ESV) Jay Farwell November 22, 2020

## Lost in the Woods

If you don't know where you are, you need a compass. If you don't know what to believe, you need Jesus.

# I JESUS CLAIMED TO BE EQUAL TO GOD

• We cannot deny this and be saved.

# II EQUAL IN PERSON AND IN POWER

• He is by *nature* the Son of God.

# III EQUAL IN JUDGMENT

• *He* will determine who are His and who are not.

# IV BACKING UP HIS CLAIMS

• John the Baptist.... His works.... The Father.... The Scriptures.

# V JESUS' WORKS

• The people could not deny His works.