

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of October 25, 2020

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## MY STORY

Name someone who inspired a change in you because you followed or were associated with them.

**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. Following involves changing. Is it hard to let Jesus take priority over certain things in your life—jobs, children, school, ministry or relationships? Why? How is following Jesus better?

Mark 10:17-22, 29-30

Matt. 16:24-25

Phil. 3:7-11

2. John the Baptist was content with his role in the Kingdom. How can we arrive at the same understanding?

1 Cor. 12:4-11, 18

3. How does John the Baptist’s example of ministry affect your understanding of evangelism and discipleship?

4. How is Jesus “above all” and why is this good news?

5. Many, if not most people today reject Jesus as supreme and authoritative. How do we as His followers respond?

6. What is the connection between “believe” and “not obey” in verse 36?

## TAKING IT HOME

What are the differences that being a Jesus follower make in your life? What effects to they have on your family, friends, coworkers?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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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

1. **Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Ryan and Julie Christian, that they would continue to run to Jesus for their sustenance and life to nourish them through this transition time in life and ministry.
2. **Prayer Vigil** Come any time between 6 and 8 pm, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Come pray our country, our world, and for whatever is on your heart.



## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

### *Pointing to Jesus*

John 3:22-36 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet October 25, 2020

### **A Movie with a Message**

*Following the right leader will change your life.*

### **I Lessons in following Jesus from John the Baptist**

- Be content, knowing your place in life is given to you by the Lord.
- Have a joyful attitude in serving the Lord.
- Have a humble resolve to decrease so that Christ may increase.

### **II Why Jesus deserves to be Heard, Believed, and Followed**

- He is supreme over all others.
- He bears witness to the truth.
- He has authority over all.