

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of January 17, 2021

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### MY STORY

Think back on the bosses you've had. Was there one (hopefully *only* one) who was difficult to submit to? How did you do?

### 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 is it possible for someone to know a lot of information from the Bible about Jesus and still not know Him?
2. With real honesty, have you come to a decision about Jesus Christ? Who He is and what He has done for you?
3. Here is the big question: Do you know Jesus? Or, do you just know some things about Him? Do you have a relationship with Him?
4. Do you have expectations of Jesus in the political world, or in materialistic areas of wealth and health or to fix all your troubles in life?

5. How does it make you feel that Jesus never promised an easy life but he did promise we would have tribulation?
6. Have you ever had a time in your life that you were extremely thirsty? How did that feel? Have you ever felt that way spiritually toward Jesus?
7. What are the best ways for you to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from Him?
8. What are some ways the "rivers of living water" have flowed through you recently? Share a story with the others in your group.

### 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:

### 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.

### Keep Prayers Short and 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

**Missionary of the Month** Please pray for Fiona Miller as she serves with Operation Mobilization on the Logos Hope in the Bahamas.

**Firewood Ministry** Wood cutting and delivery is coming up on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Come to work and stay for lunch.

## The Gospel of John---That You May Believe *The Great Divide*

John 7:25-52 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet January 24, 2021

### I Who is Jesus, and could He be the Christ?

- It is possible to know *about* God but not know God

### II Who is Jesus, and why doesn't He meet our expectations?

- We miss Jesus because of our false expectations.

### III Jesus offers an invitation: If anyone is thirsty, come and drink.

- To come to Him is to place our faith in Him.

### IV How do you respond to Jesus?

- Division among the people  
Which side of the Great Divide are you on?
- Confusion among the soldiers  
If you're confused, the best thing is to sit at His feet.
- Questioning among the Pharisees  
It's okay to have questions; just intently seek the truth.