

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of February 7, 2021

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### MY STORY

Ever bought something online and when it came, it wasn't what it was 'cracked up to be'? What were your feelings about the item? How about the seller?

**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. What does it mean to abide in Jesus' Word?
2. How do you respond to something in the Bible you don't like or understand?
3. Do you feel at times that scripture challenges your thinking and beliefs? Why or why not?
4. How can truth, and knowing it, set you free? What does the truth of Jesus set you free from?

5. How might you find yourself slipping into legalism in your pursuit of Jesus and His truth?
6. Does your lifestyle and the choices you make show that you are a child of God?
7. How will those who keep Jesus' word never experience death?
8. How does the gospel change the significance of physical death?
9. How is keeping Jesus' Word different from the Pharisees attempts to keep the Law of Moses?

### 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**

**Missionary of the Month** Please pray for Ruth Parajuli as she prepares to return to Nepal.

**Back Stage with the Pastors** New at WPCC? Come meet the leadership team Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 pm, in the Gym.



## **The Gospel of John---That You May Believe** *Genuine Disciples*

John 8:31-59 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet February 7, 2021

- I **Genuine Disciples hold onto the Word**
  - Our thoughts, deeds, and actions conform to the Scriptures.
  - When we don't like something in the Bible, we still obey.
  - As we abide in His Word, God renews us by transforming our minds.
  
- II **Genuine Disciples are Children of God**
  - Our lives demonstrate we are God's children.
  - We hear God's word and believe it as truth.
  - We do God's will.
  
- III **Genuine Disciples will never see Death**
  - We will live with God forever because....
  - ....we have accepted His offer of eternal life.