



"Home Group Reflection"
Mid-Year Review
December 9th - December 13th, 2018

Prayer:

Spend a few minutes thanking the Lord for His Word and for the ways He has challenged you through the book of John over the last several months. Ask that He would help you to not only recall what you have learned through the sermons, your personal study time, and your group interactions, but also to retain and apply it. Pray that He would take what you have learned and penetrate your heart with it so that your knowledge would lead to worship and action. Also, take some time to thank Him for your home group and to pray for each person in your group individually.

Key Scriptures:

John 20:30–31 – (English Standard Version)

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 1:1–4 –

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14, 16–17 –

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:29 –

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 2:18–22 –

18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 3:3 –

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:14–17 –

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Application:

1. Take a few moments to read through the portion of the book of John we have studied so far this year (John 1:1-3:36). List at least three truths or themes that are clearly taught in these verses. What kind of impact have these truths had on your life?
2. Which verse, or passage, in John has stuck out to you the most? What is it about that Scripture that makes it stick out in your mind?
3. What are some specific challenges from the book of John that the Holy Spirit has used to convict you of areas of sin in your life? Describe how the Lord is using that conviction to bring about change in your life.
4. In what ways has our current study led you to think differently about who Jesus Christ is and what your relationship with Him is like? How has it challenged you to think differently about your relationship with others in the body of Christ as well as others you interact with in the world?
5. What has your home group meant to you personally so far this year? How have you been challenged, stretched, or encouraged as a result of your home group involvement (be specific)?
6. Think about some of the specific things that your home group has prayed for so far this year. In what ways have you seen God answer those prayers? Take time to thank God for listening and responding to these prayers from your group. Spend a few minutes as a group reflecting upon how you have seen God work through prayer this year.
7. Reading Challenge: You are encouraged to slowly and prayerfully read John 1:1-6:71 over the break in order to keep what you have learned fresh in your mind, as well as to prepare your heart and mind for the texts that we will cover when we begin meeting again in January (the plan is to make it through John chapter 6 by the end of May, Lord willing).