

WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 2018

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“Jesus in the Gospel of John”

Fifth Week

Monday, March 19: John 14:1-24 ... Jesus, the Way, the truth and the life

In verse 6, Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Have you experienced this scripture being used a ground for going against people or groups with different beliefs? How might different interpretations of this verse affect our mission and evangelism?

Tuesday, March 20: John 14:25-31 ... The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus promised that in verse 27, Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.” *Have you experienced the peace the world gives ultimately becoming empty and meaningless? How have you experienced in your life the peace that Jesus gives his followers?*

Wednesday, March 21: John 15:1-27 ... Jesus’ Command

Using the image of vines in a vineyard, Jesus said to his followers that when they remain in him like branches to a vine, they would love each other as he loved them. *What does it look like for you to remain in Jesus? How other Christians help you remain in Jesus?* Jesus said, “This is my commandment; love each other just as I have loved you.” (v. 12) and also, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (v. 14) *How are you seeking to become Jesus’s friend?*

Thursday, March 22: John 16:1-16 ... The Work of the Holy Spirit

In verse 13, Jesus says, “However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won’t speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come.” *To what degree this promise of Jesus is true for you? How does the Holy Spirit “guide you in all truth?”*

Friday, March 23: John 16:17-33 ... Jesus’ Final Words for His Disciples

In his last hours with his disciples, Jesus tries to prepare them for the coming trials and distress they will experience. They would be tested and persecuted. But, in the end, he tells them, “Be encouraged! I have conquered the world.” *What has been your experience of suffering? How have you found encouragement in Jesus?*

Saturday, March 24: John 17 ... Jesus’ Prayer for His Disciples

Jesus prayed that all of his followers will be one. In what ways have we Christians lived out what Jesus prayed for? And also, in what ways, have we failed to live out his prayer? *What would it look like for you to live in unity with other Christians believers who have different theological and/or political views? What principles of prayer can you draw from this prayer of Jesus that might help you pray more powerfully? Continue to meditate on Jesus prayer this weekend.*