

April 24 - Week 16 – Questions to Consider

John 14 ~ John 15 ~ John 16 ~ John 17 ~ John 18

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is your favorite song?

1. Read John 14:6. Do other world religions lead to an eternal relationship with God? (see also 1 John 2:23) Read Acts 4:12. Do good works (our own name) bring someone to Heaven? (see also Ephesians 2:8–9) Why are these verses so important today?
2. Jesus says in John 14:15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” What does He mean by this? Why would a true love of God be evidenced by obedience? Why would a lack of love be evidenced by disobedience to God’s commands (John 14:24)?
3. What does it mean to “abide” in Jesus (John 15)? How can we better “abide” in Jesus on a daily basis? What ways does Satan, the world, and our flesh come against our “abiding”?
4. What verse stands out to you in John 15? Why?
5. How does Jesus’ teachings serve “to keep you from falling away”? (John 16:1)
6. What is some of the work of the Holy Spirit? (John 16:8-14)? How does the Spirit serve as Helper through this work? How should our awareness to His work change our prayer lives?
7. Where do we find peace? Where do we find trouble? How do we have hope? (John 16:33)
8. How is John 17:3 a definition of “eternal life”?
9. How do you pray generically for larger groups of people? How do you pray differently for a family member than you pray for a stranger? Why does Jesus say He is praying for His followers and not the whole world? (John 17:9) If Jesus loves the whole world (John 3:16) how is His love for you even better? When you read that this is Jesus’ prayer for you (see John 17:20), how that affect you?
10. What is one of the main things Jesus is praying for His followers? (John 17:21) Why is this so difficult to achieve? In marriage? Families? Workplaces? Churches? Why is this so important (John 17:23)?
11. When you hear someone’s name, what comes to mind? When someone hears your name, what do you want to come to mind? What does Jesus mean when He says that “I have made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known”? (John 17:26). How is that our purpose as well?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

Accomplishing Our Purpose

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- **Desire to Witness** - John 4:39 “Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’”
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Are Living His T_____?

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- **Speak Out As a Witness** - Luke 19:38–40 “saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’”
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The collage features several key elements:

- App Store Listing:** Shows the 'Gideon Bible App' as a 'Pick of the Week' with a 'Free App' label.
- Download Instructions:** Text prompts users to search for the app on the App Store and Play Store, and provides a QR code to visit the app page.
- App Interface:** A screenshot shows the app's home screen with a navigation bar at the bottom and a reading plan for 'MATTHEW 1 - ESV'.
- Scripture Snippets:** Several verses are displayed, including:
 - Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - John 1:12: "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."
 - Romans 5:8: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
 - Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
 - Romans 3:10: "As it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one.'
- Follow Jesus Section:** Includes a 'Discover why Jesus came and how he can impact your life today' message, a 'Spread God's Word' button, and a list of languages (Abau, Abidji, Achagua).
- Accept Jesus Today:** A prominent orange button at the bottom right.

- This Next Week's New Testament Reading Plan:**
- Week 17: Matthew 27 & 28 ~ Mark 15 ~ Luke 23 ~ John 19
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
 - **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
 - **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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