

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

If you were a contestant on a reality TV show, which one would it be and why?

## CONTEXT

Today's scripture takes place at the crucifixion. We see the brutal cost of sin being laid on our Savior. When we understand this fully, there is only one response.

## PASSAGE

John 19:17-30

## DISCUSS

- When you read this scripture, do you think more of the sins of the world being responsible for Jesus' crucifixion or your own sin being responsible?
- When you sit and think deeply about your own sins leading to the crucifixion of Jesus how does that make you feel?
- Why do you think the physical and spiritual suffering of Jesus on the cross is important for us to understand?
- Does knowing the extent of Jesus' suffering impact your faith and your relationship with Him?
- How were Old Testament prophecies fulfilled during the crucifixion? Read Isaiah 53:12 and Psalm 22:16-18 as a

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

reminder of a few of many prophecies fulfilled.

- How does knowing that Jesus fulfilled many prophecies strengthen your belief in the reliability of the Bible?
- In John 19:26-27, what does the formation of the new family between Mary and John represent?
- What role do you think the church and the relationships formed within it play in your spiritual growth?
- How does Jesus' statement 'It is finished!' affect our understanding of salvation?
- How does grasping the meaning of this statement impact the way you live your life and share your faith with others?

## PRAYER

- Pray for God's help in applying the understanding of Jesus' suffering to our daily lives, and to remember His love for us whenever we face trials.
- Pray for courage to stand with Jesus, as John and the women did at the foot of the cross, even in the face of opposition.
- Ask for God's guidance in forming deep, meaningful relationships within our church and community.
- Thank God for the finished work of Jesus on the cross, and ask for His help in fully surrendering our lives to Him.



# The B.L.E.S.S. Practices

**Begin with Prayer → Listen → Eat → Serve → Story**



As believers, we are all called to share the gospel! In Matthew 28:19-20 we are told to go into the world and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them. We hear Pastor James talk about sharing the gospel, but sometimes, it is difficult to know where to start. If you struggle with this, the BLESS practice will be very helpful! Each week, we will unpack a piece of the BLESS acronym.

**This week, we are talking about STORY.**

In the book *BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*, Dave Ferguson says this about story.

*“When people were ready to listen, Jesus would share His story. Like when doubting Thomas came to him asking, “How can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:5–6 NIV). When you befriend and bless people, they feel relationally safe and want to know your story. Then, and only then, you can tell them how the love of God and Jesus’s life, death, and resurrection have changed you.”*

- How has the discussion of the BLESS practices changed your perspective of how to walk out the Great Commission given to us by Jesus?
- Has one of the letters stood out to you as more easy to accomplish? Why?
- Has one of the letters stood out to you as more difficult to accomplish? Why?
- Have you begun to put this into practice? If you have, share how it is going!
- Each week come prepared to share about your BLESS person.