

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

What is one of your biggest pet peeves?

## CONTEXT

We see the response from the people and the religious leaders after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. In light of the plans against Him, Jesus withdraws into the wilderness.

## PASSAGE

John 11:45-57

## DISCUSS

### 1. What have you learned from this text?

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- In verse 48, members of the Sanhedrin speak of what they fear losing if Jesus isn't dealt with. Based on their own words, what idols were present in their hearts?
- Are there any areas in your life where you look to your own interests or idols over God?
- Verses 49-52 are deeply ironic as the high priest, who would help orchestrate Christ's death, proclaims gospel truth. What does this teach us about the interplay between men's plans and God's purposes?

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

- Given the current state of the world, why is knowing that God's plans will stand good news to your heart?

### 2. How will you apply this to your life?

- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?
- In what ways do you need to remind yourself over the week ahead of God's sovereign control and good purposes in your life?
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?

### 3. How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 11:45-57 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

## NEXT STEPS

Sometimes it's easy to look at others and see their idols but harder to identify our own. In what areas is Jesus calling you to hold loosely so you can more fully treasure Him? Take some time to ask God to help you see the worth of Christ and obediently release what competes for your heart's attention.



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