



Week of November 2
The Gospel of John | John 11:45-57
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This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

beyondsunday Reflection & Discussion

Getting Started

1. How do you tend to respond to polarizing events?
2. Why was Lazarus' resurrection a polarizing event?

Receive the Word

3. Read: [John 11:45-57](#).
 - a. According to verses 45-48, what were the chief priests and the Pharisees afraid of?
 - b. What did Caiaphas suggest in verses 49-50?
 - c. What does John tell us about Caiaphas' suggestion in verses 51-52.
4. Read: [Romans 5:19](#).
 - a. According to [Romans 5:19](#) and [John 11:50-52](#), why is Jesus' atonement important?
 - b. According to the sermon, what are the aspects of Christ's atoning work for our sin?
5. In [John 11:55](#), the Jews went to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. Why did the Jews do this? How are we (who are in Christ) purified from sin?

Make the Connection

6. Read: James 4:1-10.
 - a. Consider: What unrealistic or unhealthy desires do you have?
 - b. How does James instruct us to look to Jesus with desires that become unrealistic or unhealthy expectations?

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7. How have you been responding to Jesus and His atonement for your sin? Do you...

- a. Avoid or Ignore Jesus? *(not acknowledging Him as the giver of gifts, make your own decisions, your goal in life is to be happy/comfortable?)*
- b. Oppose Jesus? *(treasure something more than Him, go on sinning and ignore conviction, deny Him as Lord)*
- c. Humbly submit to Jesus? *(When we have desires that lead to demands, expectations, or disappointment...humble yourself by casting yourself upon Jesus. Depend on Jesus. When you sin...turn from your sin & trust Jesus' atonement for your sin. Look to Him for the redemption of your soul.)*

THINK - How does living humbly before Jesus change your daily life?

PRAY - Pray for one another to respond to Jesus' atonement with humility and dependence.

ACT - Is God leading you to submit a desire to Him? If so, talk to Him this week about that.