

BEFORE THE MEETING

To have a great discussion, every member of the group should read John 13–21 ahead of time. That may seem like a lot, but remember to use that time as a way to connect relationally with God. Here’s a good plan for reading the chapters:

Day 1: John 13–14

Day 2: John 15–16

Day 3: John 17

Day 4: John 18–19:16a

Day 5: John 19:16b–42

Day 6: John 20–21

DURING THE MEETING

ICEBREAKERS

1. How did your reading of John 13–21 go?
2. Did anything stand out? Take some time to discuss.

Watch the Session 2 video together (John 13–21).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did the video help you see John’s gospel in a new way? If so, how?
2. Did chapters 13 through 21 challenge some of your assumptions about Jesus? If so, how?
3. The second half of John’s gospel is primarily concerned with Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection. Were any of the details of those events new or surprising?
4. Read John 13:1–15, 31–35. After washing his disciples’ feet, Jesus tells them they should “do just as I have done for you.” What are some ways modern followers of Jesus can follow his example serving others?
5. Read John 16:32–33. What are some things in life that can make you fearful? How can that fear get in the way of a full expression of your faith?
6. The video’s narrator says, “Jesus’ followers are most effective in the world when their focus is on listening for Jesus’ voice and obeying him when he speaks.” What are some things you can do to “listen for Jesus’ voice”? Is he currently speaking to you? If so, what can you do this week to obey? How can this group support you?

WRAPPING UP

We hope you’ve had some great discussions about the gospel of John and that you’re challenged to apply some of what you’ve learned in your daily life. We also hope you enjoyed the experience of reading Scripture and will want to continue on a regular basis. If so, it may be helpful to try out this three-step process as you read:

- Observation: *What does the text say?*
- Interpretation: *What was the author’s original intent?*
- Application: *What should I do?*

