

## I John – Jesus: The Well

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I John 5:6-21

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **Jesus is the Christ – He was always the Christ**

John says – the water, the blood and the Spirit all tell us the same thing.

Read and discuss I John 5:6-10(ESV)

*<sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup> Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.*

\*In light of the historical context, what do these verses say about God? About people?

\*How is John answering the question of who Jesus was in this passage?

#### **Religion is a fence not a well**

#### **But Jesus is a well not a fence**

John is simply defending the well.

\*What does the fence and well analogy mean?

\*What is helpful about fences? How can fences be harmful?

\*What fences have you built in your life? Why did you build them?

#### **The fence doesn't save us...Jesus does**

It is simply believing and hoping in a Savior.

Read and discuss I John 5:11-13(ESV)

*<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

\*What do these verses say about God? About people?

\*What kind of eternal life is John talking about here?

\*Do you see fence and well language here?

\*What about life, church, religion makes it hard to find the well? How can we fight for the well in our lives?

#### **Hold onto Jesus tightly and hold doctrinal issues with humility**

We need to read our Bibles, and honor the authority of scripture when we take the time to understand its context.

- \*What does it look like to read the Bible responsibly and with humility?
- \*What tools do you use to help you understand the Bible and its context?
- \*What are some ways to continually work to keep first things first?

**Bonus Sermon Content Video** [1 John 5:14-21](#)

**Visual reflection (Visio Divina)\*** [Drink](#) by photographer unknown

**Song for reflection** [Living Water](#) by Gateway Worship

\*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.