

WORKOUT

JOHN 20:19-31

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read all of John 20, focusing on verses 19-31.

Ponder the Great Commission and Jesus' sending of His disciples. in John 20:21.

- Why are Jesus' disciples sent (17:18-23)?
- What are the disciples sent to do? *See parallel accounts in Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15, and Luke 24:36-49.*

Ponder the purpose and goal of John's gospel: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

- How have you grown in your belief that Jesus is the Christ?
 - Consider the implications of Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of the Messiah, such as that He is the sacrificial lamb who takes away sin (1:29), He will be lifted up so that all who look upon Him in faith will be saved (3:14-15), He will give living water that will satisfy our thirst forever (4:13-14; 7:38-39), He will be the good shepherd who will lay down His life for the sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-15; John 10:14-16), or He is the suffering servant who will die for our sins (Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:16-30).
- How have you grown in your belief that Jesus is the Son of God?
 - Consider how Jesus describes His work in relation to the Father's work (5:17-21).
 - Why does it matter that Jesus' work can not be thought of as separate from the Father's?
 - What are the implications of this for how we understand what it means for us to be children of God (8:34-47; Romans 8:14-17)?



Pray Holistically

Read John 20:30-31 and pray in thanksgiving and awe of the revelation of God and the invitation to believe and live in Him.

- Father, thank you for sending your Son Jesus so that we could know you. Thank you for the signs that He did in the presence of the disciples to make His glory known. Thank you that we have your Word, inspired by the Spirit, written down, and preserved for us today so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for giving us eyes to see Jesus as He has revealed Himself to be, and thank you that by believing in Him we have life in His name.

Pray Personally

Read John 20:21, John 14:15-20, and Romans 8:9-17.

- Pray in thanksgiving that you have received the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that you would be faithful to live as one sent. As you pray, consider the specific places you go and spheres of influence that you have and ask the Lord to give you boldness to go into each with the gospel.



Jesus says to His disciples in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." In Christ, we are sent into the world as His ambassadors.

This week, look for opportunities to proclaim the good news of the gospel. Start a conversation with someone this week by telling them what you've been learning through your study of God's Word.

- Proclaim truth about who Jesus is, such as that He is the revelation of God, the Word made flesh, or the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- Proclaim truth about what Jesus has done: He died for our sins and He rose from the grave.
- Proclaim truth about who we are apart from Christ: we are dead in our sins, loving darkness rather than the light because our works are evil. We are like branches fallen to the ground away from the vine, no source of life, having nothing apart from Him.
- Proclaim truth about who we are in Christ: when we believe in Jesus, looking upon Him in faith, we have salvation from our sins. We are given eternal life, given access to God, united with God in Christ.
- Invite them to respond in faith to the good news of Jesus; whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life.