

Personal Application and Group Interaction

Our lives are marked by many different stages and transitions. Recall one of the most exciting transitions in your life.

Why do you think the apostle John identified himself as, “the disciple whom Jesus loved”? Describe yourself in relation to Jesus.

Jesus used many metaphors to describe His relationship to His followers. Which one of those has most impacted your walk with Him?

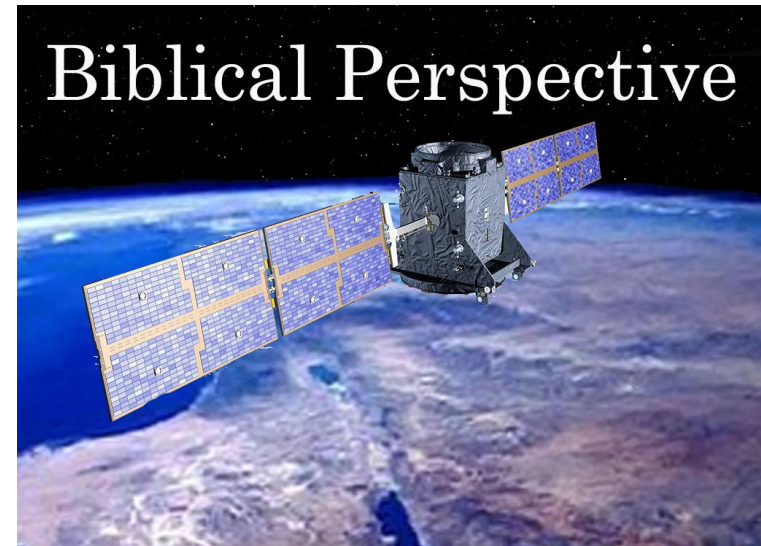
Jesus repeatedly said He was sent by the Father (4:34). It impacted everything He said and did. That gave a mission cadence to John’s Gospel (17:3, 6-8, 18, 20-23). He prayed earnestly that His disciples would be one in spirit and purpose and that this would prompt the world to believe that the Father sent Him. In what ways does our togetherness help the world conclude that Jesus was sent by the Father?

How can or does John’s Gospel fit in your efforts to turn others to Jesus?

The book of Acts endeavors to continue the record of Christ’s ministry through the Holy Spirit after the ascension. How have you seen that work continue throughout our ministry?

Jesus told His disciples they would be His witnesses when the Holy Spirit came upon them. He referred to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. Translate those geographical locations into application for our ministry under the Spirit’s empowerment.

How has this account of the ongoing work of the Spirit gotten under your skin and motivated you?



That the World May Know

John and Acts

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“The Changing of the Guard,” at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, is a serious and stunning ceremony. The sentinel to be relieved is instructed by the Relief Commander, “Pass on your orders.” He responds, “Post and orders, remain as directed.” With that the newly posted sentinel replies, “Orders acknowledged.”

John said that he wrote his Gospel so that, “you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). In the Book of Acts Jesus passes on His orders to His disciples with the words, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8).

The Gospel of John

The Author:

The Message: Jesus was sent with a mission

The Theme:

How to read the Gospel of John:

Acts of the Apostles

The Author:

The Purpose:

The Theme:

The Importance of the book of Acts:

How to Read the Book of Acts: