

Introduction: Who is Jesus and why did He come?

The Authorized Biography – John’s eyewitness account

- Will you _____? Chapters 1 – 5
- Will you _____? Chapters 6 – 10
- Will you _____? Chapters 11 – 15
- Will you _____? Chapters 16 - 21

The Context – Jesus’ last night on earth

- He washed the disciples’ feet. John 13
- Judas left to betray Him. John 13
- He institutes the Lord’s Supper. John 13
- He explained His departure and promised return. John 14
- He commanded them to: John 15
 1. _____ in Him.
 2. _____ one another.
 3. _____ about Him.

What was Jesus saying to His first disciples?

1. He clarified their future **role**. John 15: 26 – 27

2. He **set** their **expectations** for the future. John 16: 1-4

3. He explained where He was going and the new role of the **Holy Spirit**. John 16: 5-16

4. He clarified the **timing** and **benefits** of His death and resurrection. John 16: 17-30

5. He **affirmed** their faith, **predicted** their failure, and **gave hope** for their future. John 16: 31-33

What is Jesus saying to us today?

1. To _____ about your relationship with Me.
2. To _____ rejection and persecution, and be prepared to _____ for your testimony.
3. To remember I am with you and _____ 24/7, to give you all you need.
4. To ask My Father for “_____” in My name, because He loves you.
5. To be _____ and _____ when failure, trouble, and challenges overwhelm you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Google the word “testify” and discuss its meaning and application for you in your family, work, and relationships.
2. How does “testifying” about Jesus differ from “serving” Christ? When and how are they the same?
3. Discuss why Jesus said, “It is good for you that I am going away.” What were the advantages to the 1st century disciples and to us?
4. In what ways are you taking full advantage of the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life to testify about Jesus?
5. What’s your biggest challenge to testify of Jesus’ work of love and transformation in your life?