

31-39 JESUS THE DEDICATED ONE (THE HANUKKAH ONE?)

MARCH 4, 2018

PILGRIM  CHURCH

WORDS OR WORKS?

JOHN 10:22-42

40-42 WITNESS OF JOHN, REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

OPENING

THE PASSAGE

22-30 THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE

TAKE OUTS



The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and have sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP: March 4, 2018 Words or Works? John 10:22-42

These questions are only guides. You may go other directions based on the Bible passage and teaching as well!

+ This takes place during the extra-Biblical (remember they only had OT) festival of Hanukkah. What does Jesus attending and using this nationalistic festival tell us about our engagement with our culture(s)?

+ Jesus claims a oneness with the Father in v. 30. Elsewhere, he is reported as saying "if you've seen me, you've seen the Father". What does this say about the role of Jesus in the Christian spiritual path? Unpack it as a group.

+ Jesus prays later in the gospel of John that we would be one as he and the Father are one. We do not become God in our essence, but in our mission we can be united to God now. What does unity of mission with God through Jesus mean to you? Are we living as answers or continued sources of this prayer?

+ If you were listening to Jesus as a first century Jew, do you think you'd be more like those in verses 31-33 or those in 40-42?

+ Why, what do you have to gain or lose by embracing or rejecting Jesus' claims to be "one with God"? What kinds of concerns or anxieties keep us from looking fully at Jesus and believing in all that he is for us?

+ Jesus appeals to his works as an onramp to belief in him. In what ways can we learn about the role of works in living our faith AND using them as an invitation to believe in Jesus? Explore this 'works as on-ramps' theme. How can this also go sideways or wrong?

+ If you have time, explore Psalm 82.

+ What else is the Spirit bringing to your attention in this passage?