

## Message Discussion Guide

**Date:** March 11-12, 2023

**Title:** Jesus Who? Week 2

### Connect with Each Other:

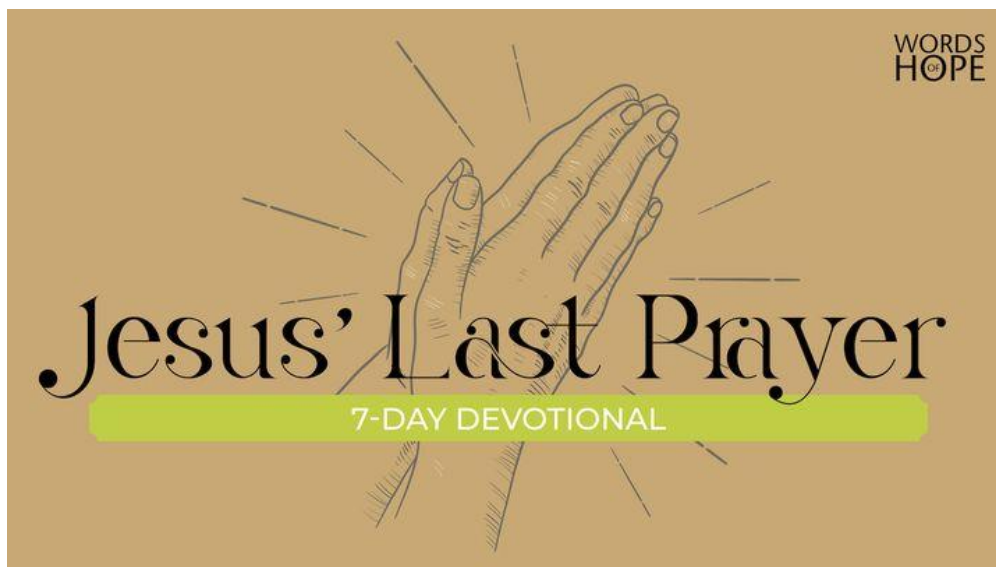
#### Icebreakers

*You can use these questions to break the ice in conversations as you start your group.*

- If you could pick up a new skill in an instant what would it be?
- What is your favorite smell?

#### Pray Together

- Lord, thank you for continuing to bring Your Word to life through those who preach, teach and demonstrate the Bible through the lives they live. We pray as we approach Easter that we are reminded of the sacrifice and blood shed for our freedom.
- For additional devotional reading please check out **Jesus' Last Prayer** on the YouVersion Bible app.  
<https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/35935>



### Connect with God:

#### Message Summary

*You may want to ask a group member to recap the message so everyone is ready to discuss the message, especially if some people missed gathering that weekend. If people are having a hard time remembering, you can use this summary to help give a recap.*

- **Sticky statement:** Jesus **was sent** by God, Jesus **sacrificed himself** for you, and Jesus **has sent** you
- **Message Summary:** This weekend in a powerful message we are taught (or reminded) what it means to be a believer and follower of Jesus. Using verses from John 17, we see what Jesus came to do, and the role that we get to play, as followers of Jesus, in God's plan.

### **Key Bible Verses**

After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. 3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." [...] "I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth." [...] "I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

*John 17:1-3, 15-17, and 23*

<https://www.bible.com/bible/116/JHN.17.NLT>

### **Discussion Questions**

*You can use these questions to help guide your discussion. Think through any helpful ways to preface the questions for your group (a quick recap of a part of the message, reading the associated verse together, etc.)*

1. In both good and troublesome times, what do the words of Jesus' prayer guide us to do when we pray? (John 17:1-26)
2. What does it mean to be a Christian?
3. What is the biggest sacrifice you've ever had to make?
4. How would you describe "eternal life" to someone?
5. What change in your life-style do you need to make to distinguish your identity from that of the world?
6. Jesus prayed for believers to "experience such perfect unity" in John 17:23 - what does that mean? Why is it so important?
7. How does God's truth sanctify us or make us holy?
8. What can you do to promote unity among fellow Christians?