# The Good News that John Wrote

...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20.31** 

Life in the Spirit

## Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

## Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

# Watch The Gospel of John Video John 7.1-18

# Study John 7.1–18

#### John 7. 1

After this, Jesus traveled in Galilee; he did not want to travel in Judea, because the Jewish authorities there were wanting to kill him.

#### John 7, 2-5

The time for the Festival of Shelters was near, so Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your followers will see the things that you are doing. People don't hide what they are doing if they want to be well known. Since you are doing these things, let the whole world know about you!" (Not even his brothers believed in him.)

#### John 7.6-7

The Jesus said to them, "The right time for me has not yet come. Any time is right for you. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I keep telling it that its ways are bad.

#### John 7.8-9

You go up to the feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, because my time is not yet fulfilled." Having said these things to them, he stayed in Galilee. (WEB)

#### John 7.11-13

The Jewish authorities were looking for him at the festival. "Where is he?" they asked. There was much whispering about him in the crowd. "He is a good man," some people said. "No," others said, "he fools the people." But no one talked about him openly, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities.

#### John 7.14-15

The festival was nearly half over when Jesus went to the Temple and began teaching. The Jewish authorities were greatly surprised and said, "How does this man know so much when he has never been to school?"

### Pride and Humility in the 'Our Father'

...deliver us from the evil one, for Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory...

### What is Pride?

- My will
- Done by my power (might, knowledge, skill, resources)
- To my glory

# What is Humility?

- Not my will, but Yours, God!
- Not done by my power, but by Yours, God!
- Not done to my glory, but to Yours, God!

For Yours is...

the Kingdom ἡ βασιλεία

Jesus said about Himself...

I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. John 5.30, 4.34

and the power, ἡ δύναμις I can of myself do nothing. John 5.30 ...the Father who dwells in me does his works. John 14.10

and the glory. ἡ δπόξα

I am not seeking glory for myself... John 8.50
I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. John 17.4

#### John 7.16-17

Jesus answered, "What I teach is not my own teaching, but it comes from God, who sent me. Whoever is willing to do what God wants will know whether what I teach comes from God or whether I speak on my own authority.

#### **John 7.18**

Those who speak on their own authority are trying to gain glory for themselves. But he who wants glory for the one who sent him is honest, and there is nothing false in him.

For Yours is...
the Kingdom
ἡ βασιλεία

A person who speaks out of pride...

...speaks on their own authority. John 7.16

and the power, ἡ δύναμις ...teaches their own ideas. John 7.16

and the glory. ἡ δπόξα

...to gain glory for themselves. John 7.18

For Yours is...

A Person who teaches out of humility...

the Kingdom

ή βασιλεία

...speaks on the authority of God. John 7.16

and the power, ἡ δύναμις

...teaches what God taught them. John 7.16

and the glory. ἡ δπόξα

...to gain glory for God. John 7.18

# Questions? Comments?