



"Home Group Reflection"

The Year in Review

May 23rd-27th, 2021

Prayer:

Spend a few minutes thanking the Lord for His Word and the ways He has challenged you through the book of John this past year. Pray that the Holy Spirit would use the knowledge you have gained this year to lead you to worship. Ask that He would help you be disciplined in your study of His Word over the summer break and that He would help you to guard against spiritual laziness. Also, take some time to thank him for your home group and to pray for each person in your group individually.

Key Scriptures (from this year):

John 20:30–31 – (English Standard Version)

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written 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 14:6 –

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:26 and 16:8, 13 –

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you...

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment...

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...

John 15:5 –

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 17:17-19 –

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

John 19:16b-18, 30 –

So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them... 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 20:1, 6-7, 19-20 –

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb... 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself...

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Application:

1. Take some time to read through the portion of the book of John we have studied so far this year (John 13:1-21:25). List at least three truths or themes that are clearly taught in these verses. What kind of sanctifying impact have these truths had on your life?

2. Which verse, or passage, in John 13:1-21:25 has stuck out to you the most? What is it about that Scripture that makes it stick out in your mind?

3. In what ways has our study in the book of John changed or enhanced your view of who Jesus Christ is and how He relates to His people?

4. In what ways has our study in the book of John encouraged you to think differently about your relationship with others in the body of Christ as well as others you interact with in the world?

5. What has your home group meant to you personally so far this year? How have you been challenged, stretched, or encouraged as a result of your home group involvement (be specific)?

6. Think about some of the specific things that your home group has prayed for so far this year. In what ways have you seen God answer those prayers? Take time to thank God for listening and responding to these prayers from your group.

7. Your home group leaders put a lot of time and effort into leading your group throughout the year. Consider writing a personal note to your leaders thanking them for their faithfulness and willingness to do the hard work it takes to lead well.

Summer Reading Challenge

As we have done over the summer in years past, we have selected three great books for you to read over the break. If it all possible, we encourage you to read these books along with other members of your group (or other folks in the church) and then take the time to discuss them with one another. Our hope and prayer is that these books will encourage you, deepen your knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ, and that the Lord would use them to grow your love for Him and for His Word. We usually make these available to purchase on Sundays, but this summer we are asking that you purchase them directly from whatever company you prefer to use (if you click on the title, it will take you to the book on Amazon).

June: [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self](#) by Carl Trueman

July: [Gentle and Lowly](#) by Dane Ortlund

August: [Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God](#) by Tim Keller