



The Heart of Jesus
Week 2
Leader Guide

Main Objective:

God deeply cares for His followers. Not only does He promise to protect us (as we'll see in week 3), but He also provides for us even before trials arise. In His sovereignty, nothing happens apart from His will.

KEEP IN MIND: The goal is NOT to try and get through all the questions but to have a meaningful discussion. Go through and think about which questions will land and spark the most conversation with those in your group.

Encourage Worship

Watch the Worship Video: [“Who You Say I Am”](#)

Discussion Questions:

1. The song *Who You Say I Am* declares that we are chosen, not forsaken. How does knowing you are chosen by God impact your confidence in times of uncertainty?
2. Think of a time when you felt prepared for a big challenge. What helped you feel ready?

Scripture Reading

Read **John 17:6-10** aloud.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things Jesus did to prepare His disciples for when He was gone?
2. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to pray for His disciples specifically in this moment?
3. What are some of the troubles that the disciples encountered after Jesus ascended back to Heaven? (See *Acts 12:2, 14:19-20, and 1 Peter 1:1-2.*)
4. How have you seen God preparing you ahead of time for challenges in your life?

Reflection

Read This:

In verse 9, Jesus said, *“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world but for those you have given Me, because they are yours.”*

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you know you belong to Jesus?
 2. What are the characteristics of a person who belongs to Jesus?
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Prayer Time

Break into groups of three and pray using the following prompts:

- Thank God for how He has already equipped and strengthened each person.
 - Ask for clarity in recognizing His past and present work in your life.
 - Pray for endurance to remain faithful in trials, just as Jesus prayed for the disciples.
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Personal Challenge

Find a specific way to encourage a fellow believer this week. It could be someone in this group, or in our church family... (word of encouragement, act of service, etc.)

Digging Deeper

Watch the Bible Project Video: [John 13-17 Overview](#)

Discussion Question:

- In the video, Jesus' final teachings and prayer emphasize preparing His disciples for what's ahead. Based on what you've learned today, how do you see Jesus actively preparing you for the challenges of following Him?
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