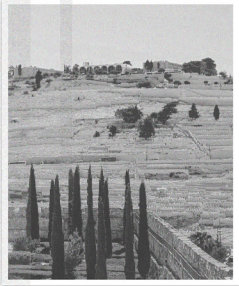


The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

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“NOT OF THIS WORLD” discussion questions

1. Read John 17:13-19. What stands out to you the most? What questions do you have?
2. What is your view of fallen humanity? If someone is not openly hostile toward Christians or the idea of God, how does God view them? Is indifference toward God actually a form of contempt? (Read Romans 1:18-23)
3. Worldly-mindedness is a pitfall to which even sincere Christians can easily succumb. What are some of God’s antidotes to “the world” and its pervasive influence? How are those antidotes “working” for you?
4. In what ways are you currently “in the world but not of it?” Read 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. What do you think Paul is saying here?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. To what degree do you view yourself as an alien, stranger, and exile in this world, versus a citizen of it? To what degree do you view yourself as sent by Jesus to this world as a minister of reconciliation?
6. Take some time to pray for the same things that Jesus prayed in John 17:13-19, and express your personal response to it.

The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.⁸ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁹ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.¹⁰ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.¹¹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.¹² who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.¹³ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.¹⁴ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁵ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁶ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁷ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.