

THIRTY THREE 21 THREE
GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

MARCH 19, 2023



WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS

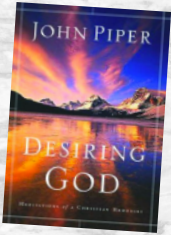


THIS IS FOR LIFE

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 03/15/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$60,246	\$242,231
2023 Budget	\$62,619	\$280,147
Difference	-\$2,373	-\$37,916



DESIRING GOD BOOK STUDY

Come discover the biblical foundation for pursuing your joy in all of life. We believe this foundation supports a life filled with the happiness that God created us to enjoy. We will meet weekly for 10 weeks, using John Piper's book, 'Desiring God' as our guide.

WOMEN'S

Time: Tuesdays, 7-8:00 pm - Beginning March 21st

Location: RCC Student Building

Cost: Free (book provided)

MEN'S

Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 am - Beginning March 23rd

Location: RCC Library (C201)

Cost: Free (book provided)

Register: www.richfieldcc.org/events

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

John 18:1-27

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple

was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. ¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

The Great Contrast

John 18:1-27

Steven Huggins - March 19, 2023

Adversity reveals our true faith

Weak belief crumbles against adversity

True belief overcomes adversity

Life Group Discussion Questions

John 18:1-27

For the week of March 19, 2023

Reading the Text:

1. What are some of the themes/ideas that have come up in recent chapters? What is the immediate context of the passage we are in now?
2. What details (people, places, time, etc.) stand out to you in Jesus' betrayal and arrest [vv. 1-11]? Why do you think John included these details?
3. During the Jewish trial in vv. 19-24, what are the questions being asked? Who is asking them? Why do you think John tells the story this way?
4. What contrast do you see between the ways Jesus and Peter handled adversity?
5. How would you summarize the big idea of this passage?

Living it Out:

1. Do you find it important that Jesus knowingly came forward to take on the wrath of God? What difference would it make if Jesus was less aware/involved in the process?
2. How do you typically handle times of adversity? What principles from this text may help impact your next difficult season? How could you increasingly live these out?
3. As a Life Group, how can we appropriately encourage one another in these times of adversity?

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