

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

As preached on Sunday, August 2nd

Read: John 20:30-31

1. Take a look back at the Prologue to the Gospel of John (1:1-18). Now that we're almost done studying the entire book, do you think the Prologue was a fitting introduction? Why? Why not?
2. Thinking back through the seven signs that John describes in his gospel, select one or two that are the most intriguing to you. What do each of those signs teach you about God?
3. What do you think it was like for the disciples to think back to the time they shared with Jesus in the Upper Room after the passion and the resurrection had taken place? Do you think they took time together to "connect the dots" of all that Jesus was teaching there?
4. John states in vv.30-31 that Jesus performed many others signs which he did not record in his gospel. Take a moment to imagine what the scope of Jesus' public ministry must have been like across three full years. Why do you suppose John chose to emphasize only seven of those signs?
5. In v.31 John tells us why he wrote his gospel. Why did he write this gospel? Do you think he accomplished his purpose?
6. What is the difference between believing that Jesus is the Messiah and that Jesus is the Son of God? Is believing both necessary for salvation?
7. If someone were to ask you to describe the "life" you have in Jesus' name (v.31) because of your belief in him, how would you describe it?
8. How have you experienced God's blessing as one who has chosen to believe even though you have not seen with your own eyes? (v.29)