

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*As a church we exist
to exalt Jesus Christ
for the glory of God
& the good of our community.*

John 10:22-30

1. John establishes the setting for this text in verses 22-23, and with it we realize Christ has only around 3 months left to live. Yet, even with time growing short, He is still faithful to extend truth... even to His enemies. As you consider Christ's actions/attitudes in the face of such hostility, what stands out to you most? What specific attributes of Christ can you praise and thank Him for now?
 2. One specific attribute of Christ we find demonstrated repeatedly in John's gospel is His patience. In your own words, define what patience is. How do you typically struggle with patience in your own heart/life? How have you struggled during this quarantine? Read Ephesians 4:1-3 and Colossians 3:12-14 to see how patience plays a key role in the life of the church. Why should we be so patient as believers? What is our root motivation?
 3. The Savior tells us in John 10:25 that His works bear witness that He is who He says He is. What specific works in the book of John have demonstrated Christ's identity and how did they do this? (HINT: *think "signs"*)
 4. Read John 6:35-40 and John 10:27-29. Both texts help to establish the "ordering" of our salvation... who initiates... who responds... who preserves... etc. As you read these passages, how are they good news to your heart? In what ways does/has your heart struggled with these truths? Why might these truths cause some hearts to struggle?
 5. Does the fact that both the Son and the Father hold us in their hand lessen the sufficiency and power of Christ at all? Consider John 14:28. What does Jesus mean here when He says His Father is "greater than I?" How does this apparent tension speak to the unity between the Father and Son in our salvation? Is it really a tension after all?
 6. Jesus speaks in John 10:28 of giving His sheep "eternal life." This is a theme throughout John's gospel. In your own words, what is "eternal life" and why is Jesus uniquely positioned to offer and secure it for His people?
 7. How is the image of profound security found in John 10 a comfort to your heart? Consider Philippians 1:6 as you answer.
 8. How is this image of security in Christ, and the certainty of His purposes toward us, a help to your heart in our current, uncertain times? What is God teaching you right now?
 9. Individually, as a family, or as a group... take some time to pray for Sola Church as they continue to move toward launching in this unique situation. Specifically, pray that their hearts would be marked by a firm and joyful security in Christ and His plans/goodness toward them in the midst of this process.
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