SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

John Series Recap

Ice Breaker: What is an evidence of God's grace you've seen in your life this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why is it important to regularly preach through whole books of the Bible verse by verse? Is it wrong to preach topical sermons? Why or why not? Why is necessary to focus primarily on the author's intent of a passage rather than focus on what we get out of a passage?
- 2. John's gospel lays out a case for Jesus as the Christ, the promised Messiah who would come and save the people. How does John make this argument? What statements about himself make His identity clear? What signs does Jesus perform to back up His claims?
- 3. What are some examples of people misunderstanding or flat our rejecting Jesus in John's gospel? What are some ways we misunderstand Jesus' mission and message?
- 4. How has the Lord used this series in John in your life? What truths about who Jesus is and what He did has had the most impact on you and why?
- 5. What has God done in your Small Group during this series on John? Take a few minutes to reflect on how God has used John in your group?
- 6. Read John's purpose statement in John 20:30-31. Who in your life do you want to see believe that Jesus is the Christ? How might you use the book of John to reach out to this person?
- 7. Jesus says in John 15:11, that he spoke these things to us "that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." How have you experienced this fullness of joy in Christ? Is there a place in your life where you'd like to see the joy of Christ in greater measure? Consider sharing with your group and praying over those areas of your life.