



SERMON CHEAT SHEET

WHERE JOHN LEADS | A Recap of the book of John

BELIEVING IN JESUS: A TRANSFORMATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE MESSIAH

A Personal Witness: The Power of Testimony

John emphasizes his role as a personal witness to the life and teachings of Jesus, stating in John 21:24 that he wrote these things so that we would know the truth. His firsthand accounts are not just stories; they are a call to each of us to evaluate how we respond to Jesus. Just like we share significant moments of our lives, John desires to convey the truth that transformed him—a truth that should resonate deeply within us and prompt us to ask, 'How has this book impacted my belief in Jesus?'. Our faith should not only be about knowledge but should lead us to a transformative relationship with Him.

Growing in Relationship: The Depth of Discipleship

As we engage with John's Gospel, it's essential to recognize that belief is not a one-time event but a journey of continual growth in our relationship with Jesus. In John 15:5, Jesus illustrates this growth through the metaphor of the vine and branches. Our connection with Him should flourish, producing fruits of love, obedience, and a desire for deeper understanding. This ongoing process prompts us to examine whether we are truly remaining in Him, allowing our faith to shape our daily lives and interactions with others. Are we taking steps to deepen that relationship, actively seeking to know Him more?

The Urgency of Sharing Our Hope

John not only believes and follows Jesus but also feels compelled to share the good news with others. This echoes throughout his writings, illustrating that faith is meant to be communal. When we grasp the hope and grace we've received, it ignites a fire within us to help others experience the same. Are we looking for opportunities to share our faith with those around us? Just as John wrote to testify to Jesus' impact, we too are called to witness and extend invitations to our friends and family to discover life in Christ.

The Uncontainable Nature of Jesus

In wrapping up his Gospel, John declares that there are countless stories and miracles of Jesus that couldn't fit into the world's books (John 21:25). This revelation hints at the enormity of who Jesus is—He cannot be neatly contained within our expectations or experiences. If we find ourselves compartmentalizing Jesus in our lives, it's a sign that we need to reconsider how we view Him. He's not merely a part of our lives; He is the centerpiece. How can we ensure our faith is not just a small box on a checklist but the very essence of who we are?

LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Spend some time this week reflecting on your personal testimony of faith, how has Jesus transformed your life?
- Reach out to someone you know to share your faith story or invite them to join you for a worship service this next weekend.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray for a clearer understanding of who Jesus is in your life and ask for a deepening of your belief.
- Ask God to reveal any areas where you may be holding back from fully living out your faith.
- Pray for opportunities to share your testimony with someone who needs to hear about Jesus' love and grace.