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## **QT Questions — for John**

May I offer you a guideline on your daily Bible reading.

1. Before you answer the questions, please be sure to read the chapter first on your own, and see for yourself what the Father has in store for you.
2. Read the questions and allow them to steer your mind.
3. Be sure to pray and seek the Lord's grace to focus on one thing you can obey the Father's will in the chapter.
  - Let's remember, the purpose of God's word is not just to understand or even to have a burning heart, but for us, to joyful and lovingly obey our God.

### **John 1 (9/10)**

1. Who was present from the very beginning, and why is this beginning even more important than the beginning of the world, we find in Genesis 1:1?
2. Will you list the many different ways John is described, and how can we apply his life unto ours?
3. Even though Jesus came into the world as flesh, like a real human being, yet, He was unlike any human being, because He was full of couple of things—what were they, and how can we humbly grow more like Him in our daily lives?
4. Repetition in God's word is not redundancy but emphasis—will you look for the word, see or saw, how many times they are written, and see what God wants us to see?

### **John 2 (9/11)**

This is a day of infamy. But the evil that took place on 9/11/01 is nothing compared to the eternal condemnation many people will enter, as their earthly lives comes to an end. Without Jesus, there's no hope.

1. Remember, Jesus never sinned; therefore, when He is calling His mother "Woman," He is not disrespecting her in any way (it may sound like it to us because we are reading it with today's lens)—so, why did He say what He said in verse 4?
2. What did the Jews used the six stone water jars for; what did Jesus change into; and why do you think Jesus changed every drop of it?
3. How did Jesus showed us, "Zeal for Your house will consume Me"; how will His zeal deal with the temple of God that our bodies have become; and how did He deal with His body, the temple?
4. When did Jesus' disciples understand about this; what should be our prayer when we (and others) don't get it immediately?

### **John 3 (9/13)**

1. When did Nicodemus come to visit Jesus, why do you think that's important?
2. What was the incident about where Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness; why did Jesus compare Himself to that; and how is this applicable to us?
3. Verses 19-20 are frightening for me—what do they teach about people who love the darkness; how can we wrestle against it?
4. When John confessed that Jesus must become greater; what did that mean for John; what would it mean for us that Jesus become greater in my life; would you

apply it in one specific area of your life where you want to become greater but must humbly submit to Him and become less?

5. Can you explain 3:36 in your own words?

### **John 4 (9/14)**

1. In 4:4, we are told that Jesus “had” to go through Samaria—why; what does that say about Jesus’ heart?
2. Will you list the verses and how this woman’s perspective on Jesus keeps changing in this chapter; why the changes?
3. After she learned that Jesus was the Messiah, where did she returned voluntarily; why is that important; how could that be applicable to your life?
4. The royal official went to plead with Jesus to come to his house and heal his son—so, why did he return home without Jesus; how does that apply to us?

### **John 5 (9/15)**

1. Please describe how different Jesus’ solution was than the invalid’s request; how does that apply when you make a request to God?
2. After Jesus healed him, what did He want him to stop doing; the more we know Jesus, He also wants us to do the same as this man, would you stop one thing in your life today before Jesus?
3. In verse 25, what will happen if the dead hears Jesus’ voice; for who are you crying out today to hear Jesus’ voice; would you also write a Prayer-letter to God for that person, either today or this week and turn in this Sunday?
4. Jesus says that He does not testify about Himself, but there were many who did—who were they, and how did they testify about Jesus?

### **John 6 (9/16)**

1. When Jesus presented to His disciples the enormous challenge of feeding many people, how did His disciples respond—will you summarize Philip’s and Andrew’s words in your own words; will you examine and see if you also have a tendency to think like one of these two disciples when facing life’s big challenges?
2. Despite their great fear, the disciples were willing to “take Jesus into the boat”—how is that possible; would you be willing to take something so fearful, even if that is Jesus?
3. According to 6:29, what is the work of God; how well do you do the work of God; how can we help others do the work of God?
4. In 6:39-40, how thorough or incomplete is God’s saving work in Jesus; can a person be saved and then lose one’s salvation because of the evil sins we commit; how secure is your salvation?

A few words—

- With God’s word, knowledge is not the goal, but love is.
  1. We want to experience Christ’s amazing love for us through His word.
  2. Tasting His love, we will fall deeper in love with Christ.
  3. Being in love with Him, we delight to obey His command, to love others as He has loved us.

- Though I have separated them into three different statements, they are inseparable.
  - The first must overflow to the second, and the second to the third; and the latter do not happen outside of the first.
  - When there's no flow, then it will be stale like still water on a pond, it must always overflow in order to be fresh and refreshing for the people who drink Christ.

### **John 7 (9/17)**

1. In 7:7, why does Jesus say the world hates Him; what must we learn to do when we see evil?
2. In 7:18, how does Jesus discern between people who seek personal glory and people seeking God's glory; are you aware when you are seeking your glory over God's?
3. What does Jesus say to the people who are thirsty; what would happen when they do?
4. We see Nicodemus in three different places and stages in this gospel, which includes this chapter—will you briefly describe his position in each of the three stages, as it is related to Jesus?

### **John 8 (9/18)**

1. In 8:6, we are told, "But Jesus bent down," and I expressed this, He would not stand—why was this posture important for the woman and also for everyone else?
2. In 8:11, Jesus told her that He would not condemn her—why wouldn't He condemn her when she was clearly guilty of her sin, and what did He want her to do in light of meeting Jesus; would you apply both questions to your life?
3. How do we become a slave to sin; are you her slave?
  - (May I encourage you, please make the time to privately examine where you are bound and shackled. See what an oppressive master sin is. Remember Paul's anguished words from Romans 7:15, 19 and 24. Please don't jump to 7:25 and 8:1 quickly. Do that when you answer below, question #4.)
4. In 8:32 and 8:36, we are told that we can be set free from our sins—can you explain the road to freedom from our sins; are there two roads or one?
5. This chapter begins and ends with a desire from the people to stone someone—how different were the two people whom the Jews wanted to stone, and how do they relate to you?

### **John 9 (9/20)**

For this chapter, I am hoping to change some of our perspectives (especially the foolish ones we keep tripping over), as we use the Jews as our mirror. Forgive me for the long and sometimes confusing questions. My purpose is not to confuse you, but to help you examine a little deeper, first in God's word, and then into your heart.

1. In 9:2 and 34, the Jews believed that a person born blind was steeped in sin—so, according to their logic, if he is able to see, what should they have concluded about his sinfulness; why is it that they could see it one way to keep a person down, but

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not change their view when it comes to lifting the person up; could we be doing something similar to someone else; and if we are, let's repent and change?

2. Through 9:16, we see Jesus' miraculous work was judged through the eyes of the Sabbath law, but what if they could have reversed their perspective and judged their law through the eyes of His miracles—how would they have re-defined their law; are there laws or perspectives in our lives we need to learn to see through a different lens that will help us see more of God's goodness?
3. His parents are most disappointing—what did they care more than their son's healing and his new found faith; are there things you care more than the healing and salvation of your love ones; please pray over this, long and hard?
4. In 9:29, we can see the limitation of the thoughts of these Jews—what was the final judge of their decisions; is there such reflection in us; if so, how can we do less of me and more of Him?
5. In 9:38, what followed the man's belief; what do you think that looked like; how can we learn and do likewise?

### **John 10 (9/21)**

1. What does Jesus mean when He says that He is the gate for the sheep; what would He be doing as the gate?
2. Will you explain why Jesus is such a "good" shepherd?
3. What is the reason why the Father loves the Son; have you experienced this love for you?
4. Reflecting in 10:33, I feel the opposite is happening today in our world, though Jesus is God, too many people, including many believers, are treating Him as He was a mere man—would you examine if there are areas in your life where you treat God as less than God; and if you do find them, please humbly repent and seek His grace to change your view of Him?

### **John 11 (9/22)**

1. From 11:5-6, it is clear that Jesus loved MML—so, why doesn't He answer their prayer immediately; why the 2 days delay; how does this delay impact God's answers to our prayers?
2. In 11:11-16, the disciples get a few things mixed up—what were they; how does Jesus deal with the mixed up of His disciples; how do they apply to our lives?
3. Martha's understanding of the resurrection day is different than what Jesus was offering in our passage—how were they different; what did Martha get it right; what did she get it wrong; how much greater is Jesus than her and our understanding?
4. What is the shortest verse in the Bible; what does it say; why would Jesus feel this way, when in a short while He was going to raise up Lazarus; what does this say about Jesus' love for His people?

### **John 12 (9/23)**

1. Mary's perfume pouring was so extravagant, it overflowed from Jesus and the fragrance filled the whole house—is your love for Jesus also extravagant; which area in your life do you also want to be extravagant, so that your lifestyle will reflect Jesus' extravagant grace in your life?

2. Through 12:4-6, it is so frightening to see that Judas walked with Jesus, but his heart was far from Him—will you humbly examine your heart to see if there's something you love more than Jesus?—Please, please repent and ask, for you to love Him more than anything or anyone.
3. How can death be glorifying to Jesus; could our death really glorify our God?
4. In 12:37, we are suppose to believe in Jesus if we saw miracles, but what happened to some of the people who saw; why couldn't they believe if they saw something so great; how can we build our faith on the rock (Matt 7:24)?
5. In 12:42-43, if we believe, we are suppose to exalt Jesus above us, yet what happens when we love human praise more than God's praise?—Let's pray that we would love God's praise so much more than praise from people; this really is more difficult than we know.

### **John 13 (9/24)**

1. When Jesus said that He was leaving the world—where was He was going; why was that important; when it's your time to leave the world, do you know where you will be going; why do you think that is?
2. When Jesus loves His people, how far does He loves us; where else in God's word do we have such explanation of God's limitless love for us; when we love, far how does our love for others go?
3. Not because you have to, but because it's the chapter you are reading in God's word, will you pray for an opportunity to wash the feet of the people you love today, if possible, literally, but if not, in your heart and in your imagination—and will you pray, that Jesus' love to the end will also fill your heart for that person?
4. Have you seen in what ways you are trying to stop loving others your way, and are learning anew to love them as Jesus loved you—will you list those ways?

### **John 14 (9/25)**

1. According to 14:2 and 3, what will happen when Jesus goes to the Father's house; how are they applicable to you?
2. How many roads are there to the Father; but there are many good religions in our world who teach how to do good works, what about them, why or why not?
3. The Holy Spirit is called by couple of different names—what are they; what is the primary role He is called to do in this chapter; and how is that related to God's word?
4. Will you summarize 14:23 and 24 in your own words; do you accept these words; how well are you able to live them?

### **John 15 (9/27)**

1. What must be the relationship between the Vine and the branches; how can that happen; what should be the result?
2. Jesus said that there's no greater love than to lay down one's life—what kind of friend is He to you; what kind of friend are you to Him and to the people around you; and how should such mindset impact your attitude with the people around you in your daily life (I pray we can wrestle with this)?

3. Shouldn't friends accept each other as we are, without any condition, but in 15:15, Jesus attached a condition to our friendship with Him—what was the condition, and why do you think that's right?
4. According to Jesus, who chose whom; what should be the result of this; and what would the end picture look like?

### **John 16 (9/28)**

1. In 16:8, Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment—can you explain what these three things mean?
2. In 16:14, what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit's coming into this world; what does that say of the relationship of the Trinity?—(Btw, this Sunday's message will be from this chapter, a little bit of the Trinity and a little more about the Holy Spirit.)
3. How can Jesus be all alone and yet not alone; how can we be all alone and yet not alone in our world; what is God's name that says we are never alone?—(Please pray that you will remember this when you are hurting and feel all alone.)
4. How can we take heart and be courageous when there's real trouble in our lives; have you seen this truth lived out in your life more and more, if so, how?

### **John 17 (9/29)**

1. In this chapter, Jesus prays for three types of people, while also mentioning that He is not praying for some people—who are they; and why does He discriminate, willing to pray for some and not for others?
2. Where do we not belong; what has that got to do with Jesus; how does He intend to protect us; and what is our role in all this?
3. In 17:20-26, Jesus prays for the future believers who have yet to believe—what does He pray for; how does this impact the people we are praying for?
4. In 17:3, what does He say is eternal life—will you explain in your own words what Jesus is saying here, imagining that the person you are praying for had just asked you what eternal life is?
  - (Please invest much time praying for wisdom and God's love in you as you prepare to share probably the most important words you can ever speak to another person. My suggestion is you re-visit this question many times this week and next, to answer and re-answer this question. As we know, we cannot save anyone. However, God uses us to speak His truth. So, please prepare as if you were given heaven's key to present to the person you want more than anything to come to the saving faith in Christ. But be assure, our God loves them more than we can ever love them. Their salvation rest on Christ alone. But, we are not going to stop praying that He will call them into His family. Please remember, probably more important than learning the right words to speak, is our hearts full of Jesus' love for them. So, please pray that your heart will be full of His love, as you present Jesus as the Christ to them.)

### **John 18 (9/30)**

1. In 18:4-12, the soldiers passive behavior is very strange, because they probably came with bad intentions as they brought their weapons to arrest Jesus—so why

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didn't they annihilate the disciples as Peter drew first blood, because they easily outnumbered and outweaponed the disciples?

2. Peter and another disciple followed Jesus to His sham trial—who was the other disciple; and what did neither do for Jesus; why?
3. Why did one of the officials nearby slapped Jesus in the face; what did he expect Jesus to do—slapping, dishonoring, ignoring and disobedience are probably very similar things, could we be guilty of such before Jesus?
4. Why did the Jewish leaders not enter into the Roman governor's palace; yet, what were they hoping to participate by bringing Jesus to him; can you explain the hypocrisy and the self-righteousness going on; could we be devout for one good principle all the while doing something so much more evil than the good we are supposedly trying to do?

### **John 19 (10/1)**

1. In 19:2-3, the soldiers shout out beautiful and truthful words—and yet, what did their actions say; will you examine your life to see where your confession and lifestyle contradict themselves?
2. What does Pilate insist about Jesus to the Jews; yet, what does his actions say (19:1, 16); again, words and deed, how together are they in your life?
3. In the gospel of John, Jesus speaks three times on the cross—what did He say; and why do you think they are significant?
4. In 19:31-37, we see two ways to verify a person's death—what were they; and why were they significant?

### **John 20 (10/2)**

1. Why are we told that it was early on the first day of the week; and what were the reasons for some people running on this day?
2. As Mary wept outside of the tomb, she had two miraculous encounters—who were they; what would be the reaction under normal circumstances; and why did Mary react the way she did?
3. We know there's only one way for our sins to be forgiven, and it is not by us—so, how are we to understand verse 23; will you explain how one's sins are truly forgiven?
4. In 20:29, Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed,' —wouldn't it be a greater blessing to see and believe like Thomas did; why not; will you imagine and summarize for us what was happening during the one week among the disciples and Thomas (20:24 and 26, if you are able, imagine a little more details than what we have in these verses)?
5. According to 20:31, what was God's purpose for writing His book; what Scripture verses will you use to explain to someone who wants to know how this verse can become true in one's life?

### **John 21 (10/4)**

1. In John 20 & 21, Jesus appeared to His disciples four times—can you identify them; and will you consider each one of them and see why you think it was important?

2. Will you list each of the things you notice in this miraculous catch; and share your reactions on each of them?
  3. The breakfast by the sea Chef Jesus had prepared—can you imagine eating that breakfast; how will it taste (I am imagining this will be one fish breakfast that Elder Frank will enjoy; Jesus over his dislike for fish, PTL!)?
  4. Why would Jesus take the time to repeat three times to ask and hear Peter's response, even though He knows what's inside our hearts so much better than we do; why would He have us repeat certain things in our lives when He knows what's inside of us?
- Dear brothers and sisters, we began to run this race together, starting on 6/28, with Matthew 1. This race is more important than any race we might run in our world. Under God's grace, He blessed us to navigate through the four gospels, revealing Himself in wonderful ways that He delighted to share. And did you know, when, in the future, you read again the gospels, God's grace will reveal Himself even deeper and more blessed views of Himself. However, you must fight off the prideful heart and attitude that might want to say, "Been there, done that," as if we can grasp all that our God has in store for us. So, please, always approach God's word with great humility, and pray earnestly that He will reveal new and wonderful truths. Please pray that you will be hungry and very eager to eat more of His "Breakfast by the sea by Chef Jesus."