



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

MEN'S TRAINING CAMP / 2021-22

The Cost of Compromise ...John 2:13-25

*"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."
... Romans 6:13 (ESV)*

1. God's Unchangeable Standards...there's only One Kind of Righteousness!

READ about Jesus clearing the Temple in [John 2:13-25](#), together in your Group...

The Bible tells us in [Deuteronomy 14:22-26](#) that God had made a provision for those that were traveling from a great distance, to purchase their sacrifice at the open part of the Temple, so as to still be able to worship the Lord. But the religious leaders had turned this into an opportunity for their own profit and to financially cheat the people...they had turned from God, sought to do things their own way, and turned from reverence for the Lord and His Temple...

We know that the Lord Jesus only does what is good and right.... So what do we learn from the Lord Jesus' response to what He saw taking place in the Temple of the Lord?

2. The Temptation of Compromise...Man's "Changeable" Standards!

Too often, after experiencing a close and personal relationship with our Lord Jesus, we will listen to wrong advice or teaching, and make choices that result in our own drifting away from Him... Have you ever done this?

READ [Galatians 1:6-9](#) together... Can you relate to the people being mentioned? Has that ever happened in your own life?

- If so, explain...
- If not, what life-choices have kept you from this?

3. An Attitude of Commitment...

In the same manner that Jesus required reverence for the Temple of the Lord (as seen in [John 2:13-25](#))...He requires the same of us today...

Read [1Corinthians 6:19-20](#) together... What does this tell us regarding the attitude and responsibilities we have in our own lives?

What do the following verses tell us about our Commitment and Compromise?

- [Romans 6:11-14](#)...
- [Ephesians 4:17-24](#)...
- [Hebrews 2:1-4](#)...

4. Standing Firm in what Matters...

READ the follow verse together, and explain the lessons you've learned in your walk with the Lord that have equipped you to have the same resolve as Joshua did...

- [Joshua 24:15](#)... And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's discussion and scripture passages? *Be descriptive...*

2. Looking at the evidence of your daily life, how determined and intentional are you to live every day of your life with an attitude of commitment to following, honoring, obeying, and reflecting the Lord. Do you make decisions, pray about things, and make choices with an attitude of obedience and reverence for the Lord? ...*explain*

◆ What has helped you to grow in your daily walk and commitment with the Lord?

3. Where have you struggled the most regarding compromise in your life? **READ Romans 6:11-14 and Ephesians 4:17-24.** Identify the areas of your life that you've had the most difficult time with commitment...

◆ How have you learned to Stand Firm in areas of past compromise?

4. What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)