

## HOME DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

*Week of November 30th - December 6th, 2025*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2025**

Daily Verse: John 8:48-59

### Weekly Catechism

*Which is the ninth commandment?*

The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. (Exod. 20:16)

*The Westminster Larger Catechism: With Scripture Proofs.* Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1996.

### Sermon Notes

**\*\*Crown Him or Kill Him\*\***

John 8:48-59

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:48-49)
  - Jesus is accused of being a \_\_\_\_\_ and having a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus responds, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me."
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:50-51)
  - Jesus does not seek His own \_\_\_\_\_; there is One who seeks it, and He is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see \_\_\_\_\_."
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:52-53)
  - The Jews question Jesus' claim, comparing Him to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ who died.
  - "Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died?"
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:54-55)
  - Jesus states, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me."

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- "But you have not known him. I know him."

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:56-58)

- "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my \_\_\_\_\_. He saw it and was glad."

- Jesus declares, "Before Abraham was, \_\_\_\_\_."

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:59)

- The Jews pick up \_\_\_\_\_ to throw at Jesus.

- Jesus hides himself and goes out of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **\*\*Key Thought:\*\***

Jesus challenges us to make a definitive choice: "Crown me or kill me." There is no room for neutrality; He is either divine or demonic. We are called to be all-in, as faith in God is a radical, life-altering proposition.

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## **Verses Used:**

John 8:48-59 (MAIN TEXT)

- \*\*John 8:48-59\*\* – The entire passage is the primary focus of the sermon, with specific verses quoted and discussed throughout.

- \*\*Revelation 3:15-16\*\* – "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

- \*\*John 8:31-32\*\* – "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- \*\*John 8:35\*\* – "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever."

- \*\*John 8:36\*\* – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- \*\*1 Peter 2:23\*\* – "When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

- \*\*John 5:23\*\* – "That all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him."

- \*\*John 17:5\*\* – "And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed."

- \*\*Luke 19:10\*\* – "...to seek and to save the lost."

- \*\*Hebrews 9:28\*\* – "...to bear the sins of many..."

- \*\*Matthew 1:21\*\* – "...will save his people from their sins."

- \*\*Philippians 2:9-11\*\* – "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- \*\*Psalm 110:1\*\* – "The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'"

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- \*\*Isaiah 52:13\*\* – “Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.”

- \*\*John 5:24\*\* – “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

- \*\*Psalm 96:11-13\*\* – “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.”

- \*\*Joel 2:1-2\*\* – “Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.”

- \*\*Isaiah 13:6-13\*\* – “Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will melt. They will be dismayed: pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the LORD of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.”

- \*\*Amos 5:18\*\* – “Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!”

- \*\*Zephaniah 1:14\*\* – “The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.”

- \*\*Malachi 4:1-3\*\* – “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.”

## INTERESTING NOTES

What does Yahweh reveal about God's character?

The name Yahweh reveals profound insights into God's multifaceted character. Yahweh embodies compassion, grace, patience, covenant love, and faithfulness, while simultaneously maintaining a commitment to justice and righteous judgment. While lavishly displaying mercy, God also faithfully fulfills his obligation to punish the guilty<sup>[1]</sup>. This is rooted in God's eternal and unchangeable nature—he is the One who always is, who has always been who he is, and who always will be who he is<sup>[2]</sup>.

Fundamentally, Yahweh is self-existent—independent and owing his being to no one else. As Matthew Henry observed, while humans must say “By the grace of God I am what I am,” God simply declares “I am that I am”<sup>[2]</sup>. This divine self-revelation calls faith communities to acknowledge God's multifaceted attributes and not selectively embrace only his merciful side. His grace cannot be taken for granted, and believers are warned not to “live close to the margins of God's patience”<sup>[1]</sup>. Ultimately, Yahweh is the God of covenant, who creates and preserves all things while sustaining his people according to his promises—making his name peculiarly significant as a representation of his covenant-keeping faithfulness<sup>[3]</sup>.

[1] H. Junia Pokrifka, *Exodus: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*, ed. Alex Varughese, Roger Hahn, and George Lyons, New Beacon Bible Commentary (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press, 2018), [411](#).

[2] Philip Graham Ryken and R. Kent Hughes, *Exodus: Saved for God's Glory* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2005), [97](#).

[3] Mark Jones, *God Is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017), [93](#).

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Monday, December 1st, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: John 8:51

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

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✓ DEVOTIONAL

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Today we reflect on Jesus's profound claim, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." This statement underscores the radical commitment required to follow Christ. Pastor highlighted that faith is not about comfort but about a life-transforming journey with God, where neutrality is not an option.

To embrace this, we must be "all-in" in our faith, seeking not our glory but understanding that true life comes from keeping His word. Just as Jesus did not seek His own glory but sought to honor the Father, we too are called to live lives that reflect His truth and love, understanding that our eternal life is secured in Christ.

- How do you interpret the concept of "never seeing death" in your own faith journey?
  - In what ways can you "keep His word" more faithfully?
  - What personal barriers keep you from fully committing to living for Jesus?
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- Pray for insight and strength to understand and live by Jesus's teachings.
  - Ask God to reveal any areas in your life where you may be lukewarm in your faith.

# LIVE CHURCH

**Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025**

✓ Daily Verse: John 8:49-50

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

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✓ DEVOTIONAL

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Today's reflection centers on Jesus's message about honoring the Father and the importance of living for God's glory rather than our own. As Pastor mentioned, Jesus invites us to a relationship based on love and not performance or fear.

This day encourages us to assess whether our actions honor God and whether we seek His glory above our desires. It's a reminder that true freedom and joy come from living a life that is devoted to God, where our actions are a testament to His love and truth in us.

- How can you ensure that your life is honoring to God rather than seeking your own glory?
  - What does it mean to you to have a sonship relationship with God?
  - In what ways can you reflect God's glory in your daily interactions?
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- Pray for a heart that seeks to honor God in all things.
  - Ask for the strength to live a life that reflects His love and grace.

**Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025**

**Prayer Nights at 7pm**

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Thursday, December 4th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: John 8:56

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

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✓ DEVOTIONAL

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Reflecting on how Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing Jesus's day, Pastor shared how this highlights the fulfillment of the promises and hopes held by the prophets and saints. Jesus's appearance marked the coming of all that was foretold.

Understanding this ties our faith to a bigger picture of God's unfolding plan. It's a call to rejoice in Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises and to live with the anticipation of what His presence means for our lives today.

- How does seeing Jesus as the fulfillment of the prophets change your perspective on His ministry?
  - What promises of God are you holding onto, and how does Jesus fulfill them?
  - How can you live with anticipation of God's ongoing work in the world today?
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- Pray to see Jesus's presence and fulfillment in your life daily.
  - Ask for faith to trust in His promises, even when fulfillment seems distant.

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Friday, December 5th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: Revelation 3:15-16

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

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✓ DEVOTIONAL

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Today's focus is on how faith calls us to be either all in or all out, with no room for being lukewarm, as Pastor emphasized. Jesus desires committed followers who are willing to surrender fully to Him.

This invites us to examine the state of our faith and challenges us to step off the fence. Will you crown Jesus or reject Him? The choice is yours, but neutrality isn't an option. Embrace the life-altering journey of faith, trusting that true fulfillment lies in complete devotion.

- In what ways have you been "lukewarm" in your faith, and how can you change that?
  - What does full commitment to Christ look like in your everyday life?
  - How can you inspire others to step off the fence and follow Jesus wholeheartedly?
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- Pray for the courage to embrace a fully committed life in Christ.
  - Seek God's strength to live out your faith with passion and consistency.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD

*Wednesday Night Services*

*7:00pm*

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH

*Morning Services*

*9:15am*

*11:00am*

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

*Wednesday Night Services*

*7:00pm*

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH

*College and Career: Christmas Gathering*

*6:30pm-8pm*

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH

*Women's Christmas Event*

*6pm-8pm*

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH

*Mommy and Me: Christmas Pottery*

*10:30am-Noon*

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH

*Morning Services*

*9:15am*

*11:00am*

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH

*Wednesday Night Services*

*7:00pm*

