

A believing heart rests in the tension of the _____,
_____. (v. 33-36)

A believing heart rejoices in God's _____
_____. (v. 37a)

A believing heart responds in _____ to the truth.
(v. 37b-38)

A believing heart is covered by the _____
_____. (v. 39-40)

TAKING ACTION

Take a few moments this week to consider what ways or areas you need to cultivate a believing heart in Jesus. Through journaling, prayer, and conversation with others, identify 1-2 concrete ways to take your next obedient step in a flourishing life in Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus before the Crowds | John 19:1-6*

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

A Flourishing Heart

John 18:28-40
Sunday, March 17, 2024
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God calls people to a flourishing life in Jesus. Today's message identifies areas of competition with Jesus' rule—and calls each of us to cultivate a believing heart to thrive in Christ.

Big Picture: God wants to cultivate believing hearts that flourish in Jesus

A believing heart responds in _____. (v. 28)

A believing heart values _____ first. (vv. 29-31)

A believing heart trusts in _____. (v. 32)

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share about a time you responded to a situation in an extreme way—either positive or negative.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. What were some of your biggest takeaways from this week's message (John 18:28-40)? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.
2. God wants us to develop hearts that flourish in Jesus. Read the following passages: Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8:1-9; Ezekiel 36:26; John 10:10; and, Ephesians 3:14-19. How do these passages relate to a flourishing life in Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 23:27-28. What was Jesus' assessment of the religious leaders of his day? How might this relate to us today? Read Proverbs 4:23-27. Why is the heart so important? What steps can we take to guard our hearts?

4. Which one of the 7 points from this week's message notes most resonated with you? Process and share your insights with one another.

A believing heart:

- 1: Responds in consistency
- 2: Values God's ways first
- 3: Trusts God's plan
- 4: Rests in the tension of the "already, not yet"
- 5: Rejoices in God's Kingdom purpose
- 6: Responds in obedience to the truth
- 7: Covered by the Passover Lamb

5. In what areas or ways do you need to cultivate a believing heart in Jesus? Identify 1-2 ways you can take your next obedient step in a flourishing life in Jesus. Share the steps you intend to implement with one another so that you can encourage & support one another towards growth in Jesus.

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray that God would identify obstacles to a thriving life in Christ.
- Pray for God's power to remove obstacles and increase our trust in Him.
- Pray for God's empowerment to cultivate hearts that flourish in Jesus.
- Pray for practical ways you can help others flourish in Jesus.
- Pray for this upcoming EASTER Sunday—both locally and globally.
- Pray that God would call to mind those he wants you to invite to Easter (After you've identified the people you want to approach, pray for the conversation & invite them!).