

# “Plain as Faith” Group Study

Season 3: Light in the Darkness, **Week 6**

Passage: John 10: 22-42

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## ICEBREAKER:

1. Have you ever seen or engaged with a celebrity in person? Share that story with the group.

**As a way to get into the study, go back over the Sermon Outline from Sunday:**

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John 10:22-42

Jesus never promises **certainty**, he calls us to **walk by faith**.

1. Examine his **works**.
2. Trust his **promises**.
3. Rest in his **power**.
4. Acknowledge his **deity**.

Faith is more about your heart’s **openness to Jesus** than it is about the **proof you analyze**.



## Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read John 10:22-42.
2. Does Jesus answer the question they (the Jews) are looking for “Are you the Messiah?” Where does He answer this question? Has He answered this question earlier in the book of John?

3. The Jews look to stone Jesus. Why is this significant? What does this say about how they are receiving His message?
4. In this passage, Jesus was compared to His cousin John the Baptist. What is it that Jesus embodies that John lacked? How does this prove Him to be the Messiah?



### **Forming His Heart**

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. Have you ever sought clarity rather than walked by faith— or vice versa—walked by faith and been given clarity? Share your stories as a group.
6. Jesus has performed a number of miracles recorded in the book of John. Take a few minutes to go back over the previous chapters and list them as a group
7. Individually reflect on the powerful works that God has done within your own life. Take a few minutes and encourage one another with your stories of God’s goodness.
8. Is it easier for you to trust what you’ve seen from God (His works) or His promises? Why do you think this is?



### **Joining His Mission**

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

9. The life of Jesus was a place where heaven and earth overlapped. Now as His image-bearers, we are called to bring heaven down to earth by reflecting Him in the world. Where in your life is the reflection of Jesus bringing light?
10. There is a difference between how the message of Jesus is received in the temple and how it is received across the Jordan river. Why is there a difference? How does this inform your thinking about reaching others with the Good News?

### **General Church Announcements:**

*Protecting Our Children Seminar - Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-8pm, Chapel*  
<https://www.efcc.org/event/protect-our-children/>

Ryan will be leading a trip to Israel summer of 2024. For more information, visit [www.efcc.org/Israel](http://www.efcc.org/Israel).