

We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

Today we will experience communion. We invite everyone who is a follower of Jesus to participate. You do not need to be a member of Westwood Community Church. The bread and cup will be passed to you as you are seated. Hold each element until everyone has been served. We will eat and drink together. Gluten-free bread is available at the usher stations in the back.

Parenting Conference

Whether you are dealing with diapers or diplomas, you'll be encouraged at the parenting conference. Breakout sessions feature relevant topics. Saturday, January 19, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Chanhassen Campus. Cost includes lunch. Register online.

Life Transformed

Life Transformed is a four-week experience that will equip you and challenge you to grow in your faith. Register online.

Bush Lake: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 10:30am-12:00pm
Chanhassen: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 10:30am-12:00pm
Minnetonka: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 11:30am-1:00pm

UNSTOPPABLE: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Keep the End in Mind

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

What is the purpose of John's Gospel?

• To provide you with _____ that verifies Jesus' story John 20:30

• To help you _____ that Jesus is the Messiah John 20:31a

• To give you _____ in his name John 20:31b



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Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

- John 20:30–31
- I John 5:11–13
- I John 5:20
- John 14:6–7
- Galatians 2:20–21



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UNSTOPPABLE: The Gospel of John #1
"Keep the End in Mind"
John 20:30-31

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When you think of what's ahead in 2019 what gets you most excited?
2. Steven Covey wrote a book called The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. The second habit is to "Begin with the End in Mind?" What does this habit mean in general and to you? Is it hard for you to do this?
3. Pastor Joel embarks on a year-long study with the gospel of John. He opened the series with a message entitled "Keep the End in Mind." The idea is to envision the end of your life with God and keep on living in a way that anticipates that moment. This first message looked at the theme verse for John's Gospel found at the end of the book. It identifies John's purpose for writing. It is found in John 20:31-31 "*Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*"

What is the purpose of John's gospel? (Respond to each statement)

- a. **To provide you with evidence that verifies Jesus's story (John 20:30).** How does John organize the story to give evidence of who Jesus is? What evidence was presented to you that caused you to believe Jesus's story is true? Do you struggle believing the truth of His story? In what ways? When might doubt be helpful or hurtful in your quest for the truth of Jesus?
- b. **To help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah (John 20:31a)** John does not want us to simply know the story of the historical Jesus to be true. He wants people to believe Jesus is Messiah. What's the difference from believing in the historical Jesus and declaring Him as your Messiah? What does Messiah mean? Who is Jesus to you?
- c. **To give you life in his name (John 20:31b).** When is this life available and to whom? What is wrong with the notion that the promise for life is for what follows this life rather than what is available now? What life IS available now by faith in Christ? How might this affect the views of Christians today – who we are and how we live?

Memorize John 20:31 as a group and next time you are together share the verse with each other.