



THE DOWNFALL OF THE KNOW-IT-ALL

January 19, 2025

Get a Grip & Get a Life // Truth That Divides // John 7:40-53

CONNECT – Announcements, Getting to Know One Another, & Getting Started

1. Is there anything noteworthy that has been going on in your life since the last time we met? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others around you?
2. Where do you encounter know-it-alls in your weekly routine?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. From a fresh reading of John 7:40-53, what's one thing that stands out to you in this passage?
4. What's one thing from Sunday's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
5. Which of the symptoms of the "know-it-all" attitude we heard about in this week's message do you identify with most?
6. Can you share a situation where someone dear to you – maybe even someone you were sharing the gospel with – held on to some incomplete interpretation or unanswered question that was keeping them from experiencing all that God had in store for them?
7. How can you tell when someone is genuinely interested in knowing the answer to a question about the things of God rather than just throwing up a façade to prevent having to move out of their comfort zone or deal with their sins?
8. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. What did God promise He would bring about with the involvement of Galilee, and how did that compare with what the individuals in John 7:41 and 52?
9. Read Matthew 10:34-39. How do Jesus's words match your personal experiences of division that He promises will come in relationships with others for those who follow Him?
10. **Smaller Group (Gender-Specific) Discussion Question:** The officers of John 7:44-46 had been sent out to arrest Jesus in 7:32, but they decided it was better to disobey orders and come back empty-handed than to put themselves at odds with the Teacher who uniquely spoke like no one they had ever heard before. Where might you be challenged right now to take a courageous step for Jesus that might run the risk of leaving you at odds with other people in your orbit?

PROTECT - Prayer Prompt

Pray for one another in light of answers to question #10 and any prayer requests that individuals in your group may have shared.



Individual Options for Going Deeper

Is someone throwing incomplete interpretations or unanswered questions at you? Take a look at this series on RightNow Media to find Sean McDowell's [10 Worst Objections to Christianity](#). There, you'll encounter several common questions that might keep individuals from Jesus along with brief (average 3 minutes) responses to show why the objections are unfounded.

Upcoming Church Happenings

Our next On Ramp Class (encouraging individuals to take the on-ramp to involvement at New Vision through giving their lives to Christ, baptism, church membership, serving, groups, and giving) will be on Wednesday, January 29. Any individuals interested in attending should text #class to our church information number: 336-444-6831.

We also have dates set for 6 church-wide fellowship events that you may want to add to your yearly calendar (maybe just take a picture for now):

- February 16 – Chilli Cook-Off (donations will be accepted to send students to camp) @ TBA
- April 4 – Church Night Out with the Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball vs. Asheville @ 6:30pm
- June 1 – Church-Wide Picnic at Stokesdale Community Part @ 12:30pm
- July 13 – Ice Cream Social (also a Bible Camp follow-up)
- August 2 – ServeNC (day of serving in partnership with local outreach ministries)
- October 12 – Soup, Sandwich, & Game Night @ TBA
- November 1 – Love My Neighbors Day (day of serving local neighbors through practical service projects)
- December 17 – Christmas Caroling @ TBA

Additionally, we have the following family-focused events scheduled for 2025:

- February 26 – Family Skate Night at the Eden Roll-about @ 6:30pm
- April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt @ 1pm
- June 7 – Family Zoo Trip
- July 6-10 – Summer Bible Camp
- August 3 – Family Splash Pad Playday in Reidsville @ 3pm
- October 18 – Pumpkin Patch Family Outing at Armstrong Artisan Farm @ TBA