DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: What was one vacation that lasted too long?

OVERVIEW: So far, the Gospel of John has focused primarily on the *person* of Christ – who He is. He is eternal; the Word; the second person of the Trinity; He is God; the creator of all things; the giver of eternal life; He became a human being and dwelt among us; He was seen by eyewitnesses like the disciples and John the Baptist; He is full of grace and truth; He is at the Father's side. In John 1:29, the story of Jesus takes a turn as it moves from the person of Christ to the *work* of Christ. In this passage, John the Baptist describes two things that Christ does for us. Let's dig deeper!

1. **Read John 1:29-34**. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)

2. Why did John call Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29)?

3. How does the Passover lamb in Exodus 12 symbolize the work of Christ?

4. If Jesus takes away the sin of the world, does everyone go to heaven? Explain.

5. John 1:33 says that Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit, and what does He do in the life of the believer?

6. What is the difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the filling of the Holy Spirit?

7. Read Ephesians 5:18. How do we obey the command to be filled by the Spirit?

8. In this study we looked at the two-fold work of Christ – He takes away our sins and baptizes us with the Spirit. What else does Jesus do in the life of the believer?

9. What do you need to do to get the most benefit from the work of Christ?

The Last Word: You don't need to be baptized with the Spirit over and over again. It is permanent. When the Holy Spirit indwells you, He never leaves.