

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS REALLY IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
The Gospel of John — Week 16

ICEBREAKER: What or who inspires you to be all that you can be?

OVERVIEW: The beginning of the year is an exciting time. It is a time to re-start. To start over. To reset. It's a time to review your goals and priorities and start fresh. The most important goals are spiritual goals. Now is the time to re-new your commitment to daily Bible reading, private prayer, tithing, church commitment, and personal holiness. The best way to recharge your spiritual life is to focus on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. In this study we will take a deeper look at the words in John 4:42, "this really is the Savior of the world."

1. **Read John 4:39-42.** What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end'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. What does John 4:42 proclaim about Jesus?
3. Take a closer look at Hebrews 12:1-2. What are the commands in this verse?
4. What does it mean to "run with endurance the race that lies before us"?

5. Who are the "large cloud of witnesses surrounding us," and how do they help us live for Christ?
6. What is the difference between a "hindrance" and a "sin that so easily ensnares us"?
7. What does it mean that Jesus is the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith"?
8. How do we keep our eyes on Jesus?
9. How does Christ's example of enduring the cross inspire devotion?
10. How would you like to restart your Christian life this year?

The Last Word: "All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life."