

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

VICTORY OVER JEALOUSY  
The Gospel of John — Week 65  
John 21:20-25

**ICEBREAKER:** What is the benefit of meditation?

**OVERVIEW:** The very last story in the gospel of John is about jealousy. Why? Perhaps jealousy is more destructive than we think. Maybe there is something about jealousy that especially hazardous to the church and to Christ's mission on earth, and Jesus wanted to give us one final warning about it. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to gain victory over jealousy.

1. 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. Have you ever been jealous? Explain.
3. Have you ever been mistreated because of jealousy? Explain.
4. Have you ever seen jealousy affect a church, team, or company? Explain.
5. Read James 3:14-17.
  - a. This passage warns against bitter envy (jealousy) and selfish ambition. How are these two sins related?
6. What is jealousy?
7. The sermon made the point that jealousy hurts your relationship with others and God. How does it do this?
8. What does a jealous heart reveal about a person?
9. What must we do to gain victory over jealousy?
10. How does verse 15 describe jealousy? How does jealousy fit this description?
11. According to verse 16, what are the consequences of jealousy? How does jealousy lead to these?
12. Verse 17 describes the kind of attitude Christians should have instead of jealousy. What does these different words mean?

**The Last Word:** "Only one thing truly need the Christian envy: the large, rich, generous soul which 'envieth not.'" Henry Drummond, *The Greatest Thing in the World*

