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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:8-9 (Repentance)

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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SERMON GUIDE

LIGHT & THE UNBREAKABLE WORD

John 10:31-42

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: In this reading, Jesus is in a tense and escalating conflict with the Jewish religious leaders. He has just declared, "I and the Father are one" (v. 30)—a bold claim of divine identity that leads the leaders to pick up stones to execute Him for blasphemy.

Instead of backing down, Jesus answers by quoting Psalm 82:6, which says, "I said, you are gods." This Old Testament psalm is a courtroom scene in which God rebukes unjust earthly rulers, sarcastically calling them "gods" because of their role as representatives of His authority. Even though they hold positions of authority, they are corrupt and will die like mere mortals. Jesus uses this Scripture to make a powerful point: If Scripture can refer to human leaders as "gods" in some limited sense, why is it blasphemy to call Himself the Son of God—the One whom the Father set apart and sent into the world?

Instead of softening their hearts, His opponents only grow more determined to arrest Him.

- How do you personally respond to Jesus' claim of oneness with the Father? Is that hard or easy to accept?

Read John 10:31-42

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** How are the "gods" of Psalm 82:6 (earthly rulers) different from Jesus? How are their works different? How is their character different?
 - What impact do you think Jesus wanted this to have on the religious leaders?
- O** What is the significance of Jesus retreating "across the Jordan"? What response does he receive there (v. 40–42)? How does the contrast between rejection in Jerusalem and belief across the Jordan impact your understanding of the passage?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Jesus points to His works as evidence of who He is. In what ways have you seen God's work in your life? How can remembering those works strengthen you when you face doubts or opposition?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.