



# The Gospel of John

## Motivations in Ministry

(John 7:1-24)

We open our Bibles to the seventh chapter of John's Gospel. In turning to this passage, we enter into the third period in John's accounting of the Life of Christ.

- The first period was the **Period of C**\_\_\_\_\_ - this is found in the first 4 chapters of this Gospel. Here Christ was presented to the world for their consideration. Will they accept the truth as it is proclaimed to them?
- The second period was the **Period of Controversy** - this was found in chapter 5-6. Here a storm begins to brew as men are confronted with the truth and begins to wrestle with their choice to either believe His claims or openly reject them.
- In chapter 7 through most of chapter 11 we find ourselves in the **Period of C**\_\_\_\_\_. The leaders of the Jews have made their choice, Jesus must go. At least 4 times in this section we find the truth that the Jews sought to kill Him.

It is interesting to note that this period of conflict represents the last 6 months of the Lord's public ministry.

### MOTIVATED BY THE WILL OF GOD

- Jesus deepest motivation was not in man, nor was it in Himself.
  - His motivation was the profound sense of God's eternal purposes — God's Will.
1. We are Aware of Man's \_\_\_\_\_, but we Acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We are Accepting of God's \_\_\_\_\_ instead of forcing our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We willingly Proclaim God's \_\_\_\_\_ even at a Personal \_\_\_\_\_.

### MOTIVATED BY THE GLORY OF GOD

1. Conscious of Man's A\_\_\_\_\_ (10-13)
  - Attitude of Hatred
  - Attitude of Trust
  - Attitude of Distrust
2. Confident in God's W\_\_\_\_\_ (14-17)
3. Constant in God's A\_\_\_\_\_ (18-19)
4. Clarity in Actual A\_\_\_\_\_ (20-24)

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### Community Group Discussion

1. Knowing that one of the stated goals of the New Testament church is evangelism, how can the church overcome the barriers set up by unbelievers in our community?
2. According to verses 14-19, what are some of the evidences of faithful servants of God?
3. What are some examples of wrong reasons for judging someone either good or evil?