# The Focused Jesus

## Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life (John 12:1-19:42)

# Dealing with the emotional journey

## The cross was beyond the thinking of the disciples

### What Jesus was saying just did not compute

### The disciples repeatedly asked for more information and clarity because it just didn’t make sense

## Jesus’ reply is that they will get it all when the Spirit comes

### The divine penny will drop!

# The emotional journey of faith

## Jesus’ journey involved their temporary pain and disappointment

### You will be frustrated, confused, baffled and get partial glimpses on the way

## BUT JOY will come, is the promise of Jesus

### It’s like a birth (Isaiah 26:16-21)

# The result of faith is JOY

## Your joy will come when you get through

### It will entail His personal presence (16-22)

### It will include His boundless provision (23-28)

### It will be in the context of His triumphant position (29-33)

# Joy is the gift of God

## He made us to be in this place

### It’s the joy of living at the centre of His redemptive purposes

### It’s the joy that gives us peace in difficult times

# Homegroup/Private Study Questions

# The emotional journey

## Why is it important to acknowledge people’s feelings in difficult times?

### What happens when we do this?

### What happens when this is not done?

# In a little while

## Many have decided that this is a message not only for the disciples before the resurrection, but for the church after it (the readers of John’s gospel)

### How important do you think this is?

### If it is a message to us, what is the ‘birth event’ John is referring to?

### Does this say our lives will be filled with grief before the event?

### How does this work out in reality?

# Asking

## In this passage there is a lot about asking

### What does it mean to ask in Jesus’ name?

### Do Jesus’ words tell us that we get everything we ask for?

#### Explain your answer

## Greek uses at least 2 words for asking ‘asking for information’ and ‘asking for things’

### In this passage both are used: 19,23 & 26 use the first word

#### How does this help make sense of the passage?

# The pregnant woman (Isaiah 26:16-21)

## How does this passage affect your reading of John 16?

### If you read it before John 16 how does it colour your understanding of John?

### If you read it after John 16 how does it help your understanding of what was happening in Isaiah’s time?

## What are the expected outcomes of being re-united with Christ after the resurrection?

# The joy

## In what ways can a Christian life be said to be characterised by ‘Joy’?

### What reasons does Jesus give for His confidence that it will be?