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GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# John



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# REFLECTION & READING PLAN

How we approach our reading of the Bible is of utmost importance. Sometimes, we view Bible reading as an exercise of efficiency. How much can we read, and how fast can we read it? Or we search the Bible for quick answers to life's challenges, rarely making the time for deep meditation. However, once we begin to see the life, power, and authority found in this God-breathed, living, and active book, our approach changes. Scripture becomes more of a feast than fast food. We shift into what some call active reading. This type of reading allows God's Word to get inside us to deal with our souls and form the God-life we all long for within us.

This summer, as a community, we will discover the power and beauty of meditating and feasting on the scriptures. Join us as we go beyond a Bible reading plan and intentionally steep our lives in the Gospel of John. Just watch God grow a greater love for himself and his word deep within you.

## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS PLAN:

- Find a quiet space each day to read and reflect.
- Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to give you an understanding of the text—believe he will.
- After reading, it is time to respond to a question or two. Don't rush. Allow God's Spirit to illuminate words, phrases, or actions in the chapter. Meditate or think deeply about what he is showing you.
- Then, openly and honestly journal. Don't be shy. Let your written responses become communication and prayer between you and God.



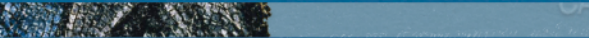


# MOVEMENT ONE: JESUS & WORDS

## QUESTION BANK


During the next three weeks, we will notice the words spoken around, spoken to, and spoken by Jesus. Choose one or two questions each day for reflection and journaling.

- In chapter one, what do the words of John describing Jesus reveal to us about God?
- How do people in the stories talk about Jesus?
- How do people in the stories talk to Jesus?
- Notice Jesus' words in the chapter. What does he say about himself? How does Jesus show you who God is with these words?
- What is God saying to you about yourself in this chapter?
- How are the words in this chapter forming or changing your current image of Jesus? How can this impact your everyday life?
- What are some things you'd like to say to Jesus now?



Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
06/23	John 1	06/30	John 8	07/07	John 15
06/24	John 2	07/01	John 9	07/08	John 16
06/25	John 3	07/02	John 10	07/09	John 17
06/26	John 4	07/03	John 11	07/10	John 18
06/27	John 5	07/04	John 12	07/11	John 19
06/28	John 6	07/05	John 13	07/12	John 20
06/29	John 7	07/06	John 14	07/13	John 21







# MOVEMENT TWO: JESUS & ACTIONS

## QUESTION BANK

During the next three weeks, we will notice the actions done by, around, and to Jesus. Choose one or two questions each day for reflection and journaling.

- What did Jesus do in this chapter that surprised you? Why did it surprise you?
  - How did Jesus respond to the people in this chapter? What does this reveal to you about God's heart for people? His heart for you?
  - Do you agree or disagree with the actions of the people toward Jesus in this chapter? How would you have responded differently?
  - In the various chapters, what do you think prompted Jesus' tears? Or prayers? Or anger? Or joy?
  - When have you experienced Jesus moving in your life, as he did for people in this chapter?
  - How are the actions in this chapter forming or changing your current image of Jesus? How can you apply this new perspective to your everyday life?
  - Is there something God wants you to do or avoid for your good and his glory?
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Week 4		Week 5		Week 6	
07/14	John 1	07/21	John 8	07/28	John 15
07/15	John 2	07/22	John 9	07/29	John 16
07/16	John 3	07/23	John 10	07/30	John 17
07/17	John 4	07/24	John 11	07/31	John 18
07/18	John 5	07/25	John 12	08/01	John 19
07/19	John 6	07/26	John 13	08/02	John 20
07/20	John 7	07/27	John 14	08/03	John 21





# MOVEMENT THREE: JESUS & US

## QUESTION BANK

During the next three weeks, we will notice how the text speaks right to us.

Choose one or two questions each day for reflection and journaling.

- What is God saying to you about himself in this chapter?
- Where did you see yourself in the stories of this chapter?
- How is Jesus interacting with you in them?
- Would you have responded to Jesus in the same way or differently than those in the story? Why is that so?
- How is this chapter personally revealing God's love to you?
- How can you relate to the people who are coming to Jesus with deep needs?
- Based on how you see Jesus treat others, how do you sense God prompting you to treat others differently?
- How is the life of Jesus, as reflected in this gospel narrative, forming, or changing what you believe about God? How can you apply this deeper understanding in your everyday life?



Week 7		Week 8		Week 9	
08/04	John 1	08/11	John 8	08/18	John 15
08/05	John 2	08/12	John 9	08/19	John 16
08/06	John 3	08/13	John 10	08/20	John 17
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