

JOHN



THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE
THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON
OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY
HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. JOHN 20:31 NIV

WEEK 1

WORD MADE FLESH

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 1:1-18

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Why do you think John's gospel begins the way it does, rather than with Jesus' birth?**
- 2. What does John mean by calling Jesus "the Word"?**
- 3. What does it mean to receive Jesus? (See verse 12) Have you? Describe what happened.**
- 4. What does it mean for Jesus to be full of grace and truth? (See verse 14) Why are these two particular things linked together by John? What does it mean for you to be full of grace and truth? Where have you struggled with this?**
- 5. John used many descriptions of Jesus in this section, which is most meaningful to you right now and why?**

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WEEK 2

COME AND SEE

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 1:19-51

John 1:29 (NIV) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What did John mean by calling Jesus "the Lamb of God"? (See verse 29)**
- 2. Why does Jesus give Simon a new name? What does it suggest about how Jesus sees people?**
- 3. There are several ways Jesus revealed himself to his future followers in this section. How did Jesus first reveal Himself to you?**
- 4. What do you think the difference is between the baptism John offered and the baptism Jesus would offer? (See John 1:24-33)**
- 5. In addition to inviting people to come to church on Sunday, what are some practical ways you can invite people to "come and see" for themselves?**
- 6. Andrew's first response after meeting Jesus was to find his brother and say, "We have found the Messiah." Who in your life still needs to hear a simple, personal invitation to Jesus from you? What's currently keeping you from sharing?**

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WEEK 3

THE FIRST SIGN

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 2

John 2:11 (ESV) This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What do you make of Mary's interaction with Jesus in Cana?**
- 2. What's does the wedding at Cana teach us about the relationship between Jesus' miracles and faith? Have you seen a miracle in your life that grew your faith? Explain.**
- 3. John calls Jesus' miracle a sign (see John 2:11). What's the purpose of a sign and what did this sign do for the disciples? Have you experienced a "sign"? What did it do for you?**
- 4. Jesus acted with zeal for the things of God. (John 2:13-17) Is there anything that consumes your time, energy, passion, pocketbook, thought life, etc. more than God right now? What is God asking you to be zealous for in this season?**
- 5. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?**

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WEEK 4

BORN AGAIN

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 3

John 3:16 (NLT) For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What does it mean to be born again? What's your experience of it?**
- 2. What does Jesus mean by being born of water and the Spirit?**
- 3. What does John 3:16 say about God's character and purpose?**
- 4. The bronze serpent teaches us that we need to look to Jesus in faith. Where do you need to apply faith this week?**
- 5. What did it mean for John the Baptist to say, "He must increase and I must decrease?" (John 3:30) What does that mean for us?**
- 6. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?**

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WEEK 5

LIVING WATER

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 4:1-42

John 4:10 (NLT) Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What did Jesus mean when He told the woman He could give her living water?**
- 2. What does this story reveal about Jesus' reaction to sinful people?**
- 3. In what ways do you identify with the Samaritan woman? (i.e. Her thirst for something more, her shame, her questions about God, her encounter with Jesus, her willingness to tell others, etc.)**
- 4. Why do you think the woman brought up the question of where to worship? (John 4:19–20) What might she have been trying to avoid—or understand—through that question?**
- 5. Jesus tells His disciples to "look" because the fields are ripe for harvest. (see John 4:35) Who are some people around you who might be more spiritually open than you realize? What might God be asking you to do about it this week?**

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WEEK 6

HEALING

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 4:43 - 5:47

John 5:8 (NLT) Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed when the answer seems so obvious? (See John 5:6) How does the man's response reveal the way he viewed his situation?**
- 2. What's the significance of healing on the sabbath? Why did Jesus deliberately heal on the sabbath? Are there ways you've become so focused on religious rules that you've misses what God's doing?**
- 3. Jesus later told the lame man, "Sin no more." What's the connection between receiving God's grace and pursuing a changed life? Is there an area where God is asking you to change?**
- 4. List at least three things John 5 teaches us about Jesus' relationship with the Father. What does this teach us about our relationship with the Father?**
- 5. If you summarized John 5:1-47 in one sentence, what would you say John wants us to understand about Jesus?**
- 6. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?**

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WEEK 7

BREAD OF LIFE

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 6

John 6:35 (NLT) Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. In the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus asked the disciples to do something impossible to test their faith. (John 6:6) Is there a big step of faith God may be asking you to take right now as a test? (Consider your time, abilities, finances, a relationship, your influence, or something else.)**
- 2. What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the bread of life?" (John 6:35) What does it mean to eat Jesus' flesh and drink His blood? (John 6:53)**
- 3. What does it mean, "For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me?" (John 6:44-45) What did that look like for you?**
- 4. Which statement of John 6 is hardest for you to understand? Do any offend you? Why?**
- 5. Peter told Jesus, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69) Have you ever had a moment like that? What happened?**

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WEEK 8

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 7

John 7:37–39 (ESV) If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' Now this he said about the Spirit...

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. People have always disagreed about Jesus. How has the Gospel of John helped you better understand and clarify who He is?**
- 2. Jesus commands us to stop judging by "mere appearances." (John 7:24) Where are you tempted to do this? What can you do this week to begin changing that?**
- 3. Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." (John 7:37) What does that mean? How have you experienced it?**
- 4. Jesus connected thirsting with "rivers of living water." He said this is all about the Holy Spirit. Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? What happened?**
- 5. If you're discussing this in a small group, with John 7:38 in mind, pray for each other to be filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.**

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WEEK 9

FREEDOM

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 8

John 8:36 (ESV) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Jesus demonstrates both grace and truth with the woman caught in adultery (see John 1:14; John 8:1–11). Which do you tend to lean toward more—grace or truth? (Assignment: Ask someone who knows you well which they think you tend to emphasize.)**
- 2. Jesus speaks a lot about knowing Him in this chapter. What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Him? How has that distinction played out in your life?**
- 3. Jesus promises to set us free. What does this freedom look like? Where's an area in your life that you'd like to experience more freedom?**
- 4. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Before Abraham was, I am?" (John 8:58) Why does that make any difference for us today?**
- 5. Which statement of Jesus in John 8 is most challenging for you and why?**

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WEEK 10

I ONCE WAS BLIND...

THIS WEEK'S READING: JOHN 9

John 9:25 (NLT) But this I know: I was blind, and now I can see!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What did people assume caused the man's blindness? What was the cause according to Jesus? How does Jesus' response challenge the way we look at difficult circumstances?**
- 2. How did Jesus involve the man in his healing process? Why? The man obeyed without fully understanding. What does that teach us?**
- 3. How did the man respond when the Pharisees asked him a question he couldn't answer? (See verse 25) What can we learn from this? Who might need to hear a similar response from you this week?**
- 4. Are there areas where pride, preconceived ideas, or stubbornness might be keeping you from seeing or receiving something God wants you to know? Explain.**
- 5. What is one thing you think Jesus is asking you to see or believe more clearly right now? What are you going to do about it this week?**

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