

JOHN READING AND STUDY PLAN

This plan coincides with our Discipleship Series over the Gospel of John. Weeks where passages are preached will be linked with a few questions. Passages that occur between those that are preached will be listed with three to five questions each. Feel free to use the guide for daily/weekly devotions or family worship. May God guide and bless your study of Jesus.

Week 1 John 1: 1-18 Jesus Revealed

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Two Questions:

1. *How does Jesus coming into the world to reveal God to us show his care and concern for us?*
2. *How can you serve as a testimony to Jesus?*

Passage 2 John 1:19-50 John's Testimony and Jesus Disciples

Five Questions

1. *What did John the Baptist say his purpose was? How did it fulfill the Old Testament prophecy in Isaiah 40:3?*
2. *What is the significance of John the Baptist calling Jesus the "lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world?" (Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12)*
3. *How did Jesus call his first disciples in from verses 37-51?*
4. *How did the fact Jesus knew Nathanel and saw him before he encountered him convince him to be a disciple?*
5. *What did Jesus mean by "you will see greater things than this?" What might this look like today?*

Passage 3 John 2:1-12 Turning Water into Wine (Miracle #1)

Four questions

1. *Why was Jesus' initial response to his mom "My time has not yet come?"*
2. *Jesus made the water into the finest wine. How does that break the normal wedding traditions? Why is that important?*
3. *Verse 11 says two important things about this miracle. What were they and why might they be significant?*
4. *How is Jesus today still doing miraculous things out of the ordinary?*

Passage 4 John 2:13-24 Cleansing of the Temple

Three questions

1. The Passover was one of the three Jewish festivals that Many Jews traveled to Jerusalem to attend. *Why was Jesus upset enough to turn over the sellers table during this festival?*
2. Read verses 18-22 again: *What prediction did Jesus make here and how was it misunderstood by the religious leaders?*
3. The chapter concludes with a statement that many believed in his name. *Why does John point out Jesus' hesitation to depend upon this testimony of men? When can we testify about Jesus but not live that out in our lives?*

Week 2 John 3: 1-21 The New Birth

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions

1. *Why do you think Nicodemus missed what Jesus was saying? How can we prepare our hearts to let the Spirit speak to us?*
2. *How does God show his love by allowing anyone who believes in Him to have eternal life?*
3. *When can we struggle to trust God and live in the light and truth?*

Passage 5 John 3:22-36 John's Testimony Again

Four Questions

1. *Why did John the Baptist's disciples worry about Jesus and his disciples baptizing more than John was now?*
2. *What is John the Baptist trying to say with his reference to the bride and bridegroom?*
3. *Whose testimony do people need to accept? Why?*
4. *How does verse 36 reiterate what Jesus has already said about the new birth?*

Week 3 John 4:1-42 New Relationships

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions

1. *Why did Jesus go directly through Samaria? How did his breaking tradition show his love for the woman and all people?*
2. *How did his discussion of living water lead Him to explain His identity as the Messiah?*
3. *How can we follow the example of the Samaritan woman and tell others about Jesus?*

Passage 6 John 4:43-54 Miracle #2- Healing of the Official's Son

Three Questions

1. *Why was Jesus moving away from Judea to Galilee?*
2. *Why do you think the man went to Jesus for the healing of His son?*
3. *What did the man do for Jesus to heal the son? How does belief affect our relationship with Jesus?*

Passage 7 John 5:1-46 Miracle #3- Healing on the Sabbath and Jesus revealing Himself

Six Questions

1. *What was unique about Jesus healing this man? Why did the religious leaders oppose his healing on the Sabbath?*
2. *According to verses 17-18, what claims was Jesus making about Himself that pitted him against the Jewish leaders?*
3. *How does Jesus explain His relationship with God the Father? Why is this important to understanding salvation?*
4. *What does someone do to have eternal life? (verse 24)*
5. *How did John testify about Jesus? How does the Father testify about Jesus? How did Moses testify about Jesus in the Old Testament?*
6. *What testimony do you believe about Jesus?*

Passage 8 John 6:1-21 Miracles #4 and #5 Feeding of the 5000 and Walking on Water

Five Questions

1. *Why was the crowd gathered with Jesus?*
2. *Why did Jesus test the disciples about where they would get food?*
3. *How did Jesus multiplying the fish and bread speak about the faithfulness of the boy? About who Jesus is?*
4. *What was the reaction of the people? What were they really looking for?*
5. *Why did Jesus walk on water? How does that again show Who He is?*

Week #4 John 6:22-71 Jesus the Bread of Life

1. Go to [This Link](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions:

1. *Why did Jesus say that these Jews did not believe in him? What were they really looking for?*
2. *How did Jesus use the term "Bread of Life" to describe what He could give them?*

3. *Why must God work in our lives first before we come to Him? How did that happen in your life?*

Passage # 9 John 7:1-52

Confusion about Jesus

Five Questions

1. *Why did Jesus tell his brothers to go to the Festival without Him? Why did Jesus take time to reveal Himself to people?*
2. *Read Leviticus 23:33-44. Why was unique about the teaching Jesus gave in the temple? Why were they confused about his claim people wanted to kill Him?*
3. *Why did Jesus' claim that he came from someone who sent Him upset the Jews?*
4. *What predictions does Jesus make about where He was going next? How does that fit with His description of God's Spirit coming to them as living water?*
5. *Why do you think they are arguing about the identity of Jesus? Who do you say that Jesus is?*

Week #5 John 8:12-20

Jesus is the Light of the World

1. Go to [This Link](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions

1. *Why was Jesus' link to the light show that He was claiming something special about Himself?*
2. *Who did Jesus say also testifies about Him? Why is this significant?*
3. *How can we understand Jesus as the light of the world today? How does this affect how we live?*

Passage #10 John 8:21-59

Jesus' Identity

Five Questions

1. *In verses 21-30, How did the Jews misunderstand Jesus? What did He reveal about his identity?*
2. *In verses 31-32, who is Jesus addressing? How will they know and understand the truth?*
3. *Why did Jesus call these believing Jews illegitimate children? How did this reveal they did not really know God?*
4. *In this final section, who does Jesus say He is and why do his hearers want to stone Him?*
5. *Why do we need to understand Jesus well by knowing who He really is?*

Passage #11 John 9:1-41

Miracle #6. The Healing of the Blind Man

Four Questions

1. *What was the miracle Jesus performed?*
2. *What did the Jews believe about illness that Jesus had to correct?*
3. *What did Jesus need the healed man to believe?*
4. *How did the religious leader's question about their own blindness turn out to be true?
How can we be blind towards Jesus?*

Week #6 John 10:1-10

Jesus is the Door

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

THREE QUESTIONS

1. *When Jesus says HE IS THE GATE, what is he claiming? What makes the unique Son of God the one where people need to trust to enter God's Kingdom?*
2. *What is the implication that Jesus tells these religious leaders that they don't hear the Shepherd's voice?*
3. *How have you responded to the Gate that Jesus offers us towards God?*

Week #7 John 10:11-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

FOUR QUESTIONS

1. *How does Jesus describe his love for his people (sheep)? What does this show about the depth of God's love?*
2. *What was he communicating when he describes sheep as those who hear His voice? How do you hear the voice of God?*
3. *Who were the people not in the sheep fold that would be joined to Jesus? What does that say about God's love for the nations?*
4. *Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus? How is this related to His claims about being one with God?*

Passage #12 John 10:31-42

Jesus Identity Question

Three Questions

1. *Why would the Jews want to stone Jesus once he made the claims He did in John 10:1-30?*

2. *How does Jesus' works relate to God the Father? Why should these religious leaders believe in what Jesus has done?*
3. *What was the result of Jesus' words and actions? How do we call others to believe?*

Week #8 John 11: 1-44 Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Four Questions

1. *How does this passage show Jesus' concern for Lazarus and his family?*
2. *Why did Jesus wait to go visit his friend? What was the greater purpose for this healing?*
3. *Jews viewed the resurrection as a LAST DAY event, how did Jesus change that thinking?*
4. *What confession did Mary and Martha make? What can we learn from that?*

Passage #13 John 11:45-57 Plot to Kill Jesus

Three Questions

1. *What were the Pharisees afraid of when people believed in Jesus?*
2. *What did the high priest say that unwittingly stated the purpose of Jesus' upcoming death? Why is his crucifixion such an important part of what God had planned?*
3. *Why did Jesus move to the countryside at this point? What was He waiting for there?*

Passage #14 John 12:1-19 Jesus anointed for Ministry

Three Questions

1. *Why was Mary anointing Jesus such a big deal? Why was Judas opposed?*
2. *Why did people receive Jesus with such fanfare as He entered Jerusalem before the Passover festival?*
3. *How did this again discourage the Pharisees?*

Passage #15 John 12:20-50 Jesus' predictions and the Old Testament

Four Questions

1. *What analogies does Jesus give for his crucifixion? How is this related to what his disciples needed to hear?*
2. *How did God commend and approve of Jesus in this moment?*
3. *What OT prophecies does Jesus say these events were fulfilling? How were those being seen 700 years later?*
4. *In verses 44-50, how does Jesus describe his ministry? How can we share that and be a part of it?*

Week #9 John 13:1-17; 31-35 Serve like Jesus

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions

1. *How did Jesus washing the disciples' feet show his counter-cultural way of serving?*
2. *Why did Peter try and reject this service? Are there times that we reject the ways of Jesus because they sound so different from what the world expects?*
3. *How can you show love to other believers? How is that often different than the world around us?*
4. *Read John 13:33-36. Why was this prediction of Peter's betrayal mentioned here?*

Week #10 John 14:1-17 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Three Questions

1. *Why did the disciples have questions about their relationship with Jesus and the Father even though they had been with him three years? How might that help us when we do not understand God?*
2. *Why does Jesus give the disciples such a strong promise in regard to what they pray about? How might that lead us to pray more often?*
3. *Are you listening to Jesus and trusting in Him and the Father for salvation and true life? What does that look like in your life?*

Passage #16 John 14:18-31 The Gift of the Spirit and Peace

Three Questions

1. *Why might the disciples feel like they might be orphaned if Jesus leaves them?*
2. *How does the Holy Spirit prevent that? What does the passage say his role is?*
3. *How are love and peace related? How does Jesus' relationship with God the Father reveal this?*
4. *What is one truth from this passage that can help you walk with God?*

Week #11 John 15:1-17 Jesus the True Vine

1. Go to [THIS LINK](#) to view the sermon for that week.

Five Questions

1. *Why did Jesus use this vineyard illustration to show the relationship between God the Father, Himself, and His disciples?*

2. *How might followers of Jesus remain or rest in Jesus to produce fruit? What might that fruit look like?*
3. *How does pruning produce more fruit? How is that different from discarding and burning old, dead branches?*
4. *What does the prayer promise in verse 8 mean for followers of Jesus?*
5. *How does loving others show the fruit Jesus is describing here?*

Passage #17 John 15:18-26 Persecution and the Holy Spirit

Three questions

1. *Why does Jesus warn his followers that they will be persecuted?*
2. *What might that look like for those of us serving God in Nairobi and our church?*
3. *How does the Holy Spirit help when we are persecuted?*

Week #12 John 16:1-15 The Helper: The Holy Spirit

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Three Questions

1. *Why does Jesus again remind the disciples of the persecution that they will face?*
2. *What are some things the Holy Spirit will do as a result?*
3. *How is it comforting to know that Spirit can guide us and remind us of Jesus' truth in all circumstances?*

Passage #18 John 16:16-33 Jesus' Encouragement

Four Questions

1. *Why would the mourning the disciples are about to feel change to joy without Jesus?*
2. *How can we discern the difference between just happiness and true joy?*
3. *What does Jesus say to them about his destination? Why is that important?*
4. *How does Jesus' resurrection bring victory from what looks like defeat? Why would this encourage the disciples?*