

Overview of the Gospel of John

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, January 11, 2015; Steve Thiel

Theme of the Gospel of John: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, as proven by His signs and wonders and teaching, and offers eternal life to as many as receive Him, particularly to those who initially rejected Him, the Jews.

I. Observation Questions

A. Over the course of the next week, read completely through the book of John with the overview outline in front of you. While reading, write down the major themes that stand out to you.

Major Theme from the Letter

Verse References

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B. Read John 20:30-31. According to these verses, what is John's purpose for writing?

II. Interpretation Questions

A. Read John 1:1-18. What are all the different ways in which Jesus is described?

B. In v.11, who are "his own people" and how did they not receive Jesus?

C. What's true for those who do "receive him"? What do you think it means to be a child of God?

D. Read John 8:31-59. Who is the group that Jesus is interacting with? How would you compare and contrast their thoughts about themselves and Jesus' thoughts about them?

E. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Before Abraham was, I AM." How do they respond?

III. Application Questions

A. Read John 20:24-29. What stands out to you about Thomas and his response to Jesus?

B. What do you think it means to have Jesus as your Lord? How must that impact every day life?

C. What areas of life and in what ways are you finding it difficult to be obedient to the Lord?

D. What are practical things that you can do to grow in obeying the Lord in that area?