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**GOSPEL**  
OF  
**JOHN**

ADAPTED FROM  
STUDENT MOBILIZATION



## ***The Gospel of John***

### ***6 Week EBS***

If we were going to ask someone to write a biography on your life, your closest friend might give the best account. Well, it appears the apostle John was Jesus' closest friend—at least John thought he was! The 21 chapters of John are some of the greatest Scriptures to take students through, especially those just exploring Christ. Peruse this "John Study". Recruit a group of students who know each other and will be excited and committed to come each week. Don't make it a teaching time or set yourself up as the "answer man". You are simply facilitating discussion. Have them take turns reading aloud each chapter, then ask these questions, one at a time. Let them take rabbit trails and ask questions. Feel free to say, "Hmm, that's a great question. Not sure I have a good answer. What does someone else think?" Transform them from passive listeners to engaged discoverers! I've seen hundreds of students either come to Christ or consider Him deeply as a result of the various "John Studies" I've started over the years. May God be with you!

## ***John 1***

If you were God, how would you choose to communicate with man?

How do you think we can know if God has communicated with us?

What do verses 1-4 tell us about God's communication?

Why do you think John puts conditions on being part of God's family in verses 11-13?

Isn't everyone a part of his family?

How is being a member of God's family similar/dissimilar to your family?

There are five people described in 1:35-51. How did they come to follow Christ? Can you identify with any of these people? How?

How could an understanding that God became a man affect your life this week?

### **John 3**

If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Let's develop a brief bio of Nicodemus. Who was he? What was his understanding of Jesus? What do the circumstances of his visit reveal about him? What was his question?

How would you describe Nicodemus' understanding of spirituality?

How did Jesus correct Nicodemus' understanding?

Why did Jesus insist that one must be born all over again to enter God's Kingdom?

What do you think Jesus means by being "born again"?

What would a life look like if one was born again?

What do you think prevents people from being born again today?

## **John 4**

The Jews and Samaritans were religious and political antagonists. A long history had created an intense rivalry and hatred. The Jews considered any contact with Samaritans as a violation of their religious code. Why do you think Jesus would go through Samaria and then talk with a Samaritan woman?

What does this decision tell us about Jesus?

What do you think he meant by being "living water"?

What is the "thirst" that he talks about?

How do we go about trying to satisfy our hungers or thirsts in life?

Why do you think the woman didn't understand what Jesus meant by "living water"?

What can keep us from experiencing the living water that Jesus describes?

Why were the disciples so surprised to find Jesus with this woman?

How would you have responded if you were one of the disciples?

## **John 7**

Why do you think Jesus' own brothers did not believe in him?

How did the people react to Jesus' teaching?

What did Jesus' response reveal about his own authority?

What misconceptions did people have about Jesus? How do verses 11-13 correct these misconceptions?

Jesus tells the Jews that they do not know God (7:28, 29). Why was Jesus so vehement in his statements?

How would you react if someone told you that you did not know God?

What evidence is given in this chapter for Jesus being God?

Why is Jesus' deity so hard for people to accept today?

How could Jesus being God impact your belief in him?

## ***John 19***

What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus?

Why did the Jews insist Jesus had to die?

If you had been a member of Jesus' family or one of his disciples, how would you have reacted to his crucifixion?

How was Jesus humiliated?

Why didn't the Jews want the bodies of those crucified left on the cross?

What did the soldiers do to Jesus?

Why did John record the details of Jesus' death? (19:35)

How important are the historical eyewitness accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection?

## ***John 21***

Describe the final exchange between Peter and Jesus. What do you think Jesus wanted Peter to grasp?

If Jesus had a final exchange with you, how would it be similar to or different from Peter's conversation?

Notice how John ends the book. What does this tell you about his purpose?

Turn back to John 20:31, 32. Do you think John accomplished his goals?

How has your life been affected by this book?