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THE GOSPEL OF

PART ONE

John

PARTICIPANT'S HANDOUTS

SESSION BIG IDEA

God became a man to offer us the gift of eternal life, therefore each of us must decide for ourselves whether we will receive him or reject him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What is the purpose of the Book of John?

What are the different names Jesus is given in John 1 and why are they important?

What is our appropriate response to Jesus, the risen Son of God?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 1:1-34

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Have you ever considered your sin as darkness? In what ways does sin obscure your spiritual sight and clarity?

What feelings rise up in you to know that the pressure is off of you to live up perfectly to the Law? What difference does it making knowing that someone has completed this all-important task for you?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Be honest with God. Have a conversation with him about who Jesus is. What do you think of the Word who is also the Creator, light, and Lamb? Ask God to help you see Jesus for who he is as you study through the book of John.

Memorize: Memorize John 1:14 this week. As you commit this verse to memory, meditate on the way Jesus put on flesh to be with us and save us.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and share one new thing you learned in this session. Is there some attribute of Jesus that you haven't seen before?

READING PLAN

Week 1

- ☐ Day 1: 1:1-18
- ☐ Day 2: 1:19-28
- ☐ Day 3: 1:29-34
- ☐ Day 4: 1:35-42
- ☐ Day 5: 1:43-51

SESSION 2 HANDOUT: JOHN 1:35–51



SESSION BIG IDEA

Experiencing Jesus and becoming his followers should motivate us to invite others to experience him and follow him too.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What does Jesus invite Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael, and us, to do?

How does the news about Jesus spread?

What does following Jesus by faith really look like?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 1:35–51

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What has been your personal experience of Jesus? What have you discovered about him? In what specific ways do you take him up on the invitation to “come and see”?

In what specific ways has Jesus changed your own identity?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Ask God to reveal himself to you so you can see for yourself what he is like

Create: Create a chain to represent the spread of the gospel. Using pictures, paper clips, rubber bands, paper, or some other object, link each piece together to visually tell the story of how the gospel has spread in your family. Use one link to represent yourself. The next adjoining link should represent the person who shared the gospel with you. Begin to share the gospel with others and add links to your chain.

Journal: What or who are you truly following? What do your relationships, entertainment choices, social media account, finances, or schedule reveal about who you are following and how that is influencing your life?

READING PLAN

Week 2

- ☐ **Day 1:** 2:1–5
- ☐ **Day 2:** 2:6–12
- ☐ **Day 3:** 2:13–17
- ☐ **Day 4:** 2:18–22
- ☐ **Day 5:** 2:23–25

SESSION 3 HANDOUT: JOHN 2:1-25



SESSION BIG IDEA

Since Jesus has come to reveal himself as the Messiah through signs, the miracles he performs and the claims he makes give us evidence on which to base our decision to follow him or reject him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

Why does timing matter to God?

What role does our obedience play in God acting on our behalf?

In what ways do we make God a means to our own selfish end?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 2:1-25

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Do you see Christianity as boring, rule-following drudgery, or a feast of joy? Why?

Why is it important for us to obey, even when we don't understand God's methods or plan?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Memorize: Choose a verse from Revelation 19:6–9, Revelation 21:1–5, or Isaiah 25:6–9 to memorize and meditate upon this week.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and discuss your experience of Christianity and a relationship with Jesus. Do you view your faith as drudgery? Or do you experience it as a feast?

Journal: Are there ways you may be making God a means to an end, rather than your end goal? How might you be missing out on true worship by using him for your own gain? Journal what true fellowship and friendship with God could look like in your life.

READING PLAN

Week 3

- ☐ **Day 1:** 3:1–8
- ☐ **Day 2:** 3:9–15
- ☐ **Day 3:** 3:16–21
- ☐ **Day 4:** 3:22–30
- ☐ **Day 5:** 3:31–36

SESSION 4 HANDOUT: JOHN 3:1-36



SESSION BIG IDEA

When we realize we are the recipients of new spiritual birth in Christ, we begin to understand that eternal life with him starts now.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What qualifies a person to enter the Kingdom of God?

What provision has God given us for eternal life?

What is the great transfer of New Birth?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 3:1-36

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In what ways could you be trying to cling to your own efforts for salvation, rather than looking to Christ?

How are you currently experiencing a taste of the quality of eternal life Jesus offers—in your relationship with him, in your connection with others, in your work, etc.?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Memorize: Choose a verse from Ezekiel 36:25–27, Titus 3:4–5, or 2 Corinthians 5:17 to memorize and meditate upon this week.

Create: Create a “birth book” for your walk with God. Write a journal entry about the day you experienced new birth. Where were you? How did Christ open your eyes? How old were you? What were the circumstances? Feel free to add pictures and friends’ memories. Keep the book as a sort of scrapbook, continuing to log the significant experiences you have in your relationship with Christ throughout the years.

Journal: Are you experiencing eternal life in the present? In what ways have you seen God break in and transform your life?

READING PLAN

Week 4

- ☐ Day 1: 4:1–15
- ☐ Day 2: 4:16–26
- ☐ Day 3: 4:27–38
- ☐ Day 4: 4:39–45
- ☐ Day 5: 4:46–54

SESSION 5 HANDOUT:

JOHN 4:1-5:18



SESSION BIG IDEA

Because Jesus offers to quench our thirst, we can find true healing and satisfaction through belief in him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

In what ways does Jesus cross human boundaries?

What characterizes Jesus's word?

What role do we play in our own healing?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 4:1-5:18

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What would it look like for you to “leave your water jar?” How can you abandon the false cisterns you run to and find your satisfaction in what Jesus offers?

What else does Jesus need to do for you to trust him? Has he done enough for you to believe, or not? Why?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Ask God to reveal the boundaries and categories you live by. Are you refusing to engage people who are different than you? Ask him to help you and give you opportunities to engage with those on the fringes of society.

Memorize: Memorize and meditate upon Jeremiah 2:13 this week.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and practice sharing your testimonies with each other. The more you share your story of your experience with Jesus, the more comfortable and ready you will be to share with others.

READING PLAN

Week 5

- ☐ Day 1: 5:1-9
- ☐ Day 2: 5:10-18
- ☐ Day 3: 5:19-24
- ☐ Day 4: 5:25-29
- ☐ Day 5: 5:30-47

SESSION 6 HANDOUT: JOHN 5:19–6:21



SESSION BIG IDEA

Because Jesus demonstrates his equality with God through his miraculous signs, we can trust him to be sufficient for our every need.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

Who and what bears witness to the validity of Jesus's claims of equality with God?

How does the whole Bible point to Jesus?

What is revealed about God's sufficiency through Jesus?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 6:19–6:21

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Have you made the choice whether you want Jesus to be your Savior or judge? What's the danger in attempting to be neutral toward him?

What would it look like to stop seeking glory from others? What areas in your life would need to change?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Create: Invite some friends over and prepare a meal in your kitchen. Choose ingredients of different colors, textures, and flavors. As you taste and ingest the food, thank God for his provision, and marvel at the way he is God over the physical properties of matter.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and talk about the ways God has delivered you through difficult trials. How have you seen his presence, calming your fear?

Journal: In what ways do you seek to receive glory from other humans, rather than from God alone? How has God shown himself to be more than enough for you?

READING PLAN

Week 6

- ☐ Day 1: 6:1–15
- ☐ Day 2: 6:16–21
- ☐ Day 3: 6:22–34
- ☐ Day 4: 6:35–59
- ☐ Day 5: 6:60–71

SESSION 7 HANDOUT: JOHN 6:22-77



SESSION BIG IDEA

If we view Jesus as the ultimate treasure, we can find true satisfaction in him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What had the Jews turned Jesus into?

What are God's gifts meant to reveal?

Why do some of the Jews leave Jesus?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 6:22-71

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What might you be seeking from Jesus beyond Jesus himself? Is there anything you're hoping for that, if you didn't get it, would cause you to be angry with God or consider abandoning him altogether?

In what ways have you experienced satisfaction in Christ?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Ask God to help you with the difficult words that Jesus speaks. Ask that your heart would not take offense to Jesus. In the places where it's hard to accept his words, pray that God would continue to reveal his truth to your heart.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and talk about the things, experiences, or status that you are pursuing as a means of satisfaction. What perishable food do you run after to try to satisfy your soul? In what ways can you cease this striving over the next week?

Journal: How are you currently making Jesus a means to an end, rather than seeking him as the Treasure itself? What idolatry is living in your heart? What would you be upset about if it was denied to you? What makes Jesus so beautiful and worth being our treasure?

READING PLAN

Week 7

- ☐ Day 1: 7:1-13
- ☐ Day 2: 7:14-24
- ☐ Day 3: 7:25-31
- ☐ Day 4: 7:32-39
- ☐ Day 5: 7:40-52

SESSION 8 HANDOUT: JOHN 7:1-52



SESSION BIG IDEA

Because of the claims Jesus makes about himself, we cannot remain neutral, but must decide what we believe to be true about him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What three choices do we have about who Jesus is?

What do we learn about God's timing in this passage?

How do we experience transformation in Christ?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 7:1-52

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In what specific ways have you owned your faith?

Are there ways you are tempted to hold others accountable for not reaching a standard, but perhaps don't reach the standard yourself?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Ask God to allow you to experience the reality of the Holy Spirit in your life and heart. Pray that you would learn how to access this river, and ask that you would begin to be satisfied by the Spirit.

Memorize: Memorize and meditate upon John 7:37-38 this week.

Create: Write a short story from the perspective of someone in the crowd at the Feast of Booths. Is this person a Pharisee? A child? A follower of Jesus? What things do they see and hear? What conclusions are they coming to about Jesus? What kind of rift does he cause in their social circle? What will they do next after hearing Jesus teach?

READING PLAN

Week 8

- ☐ Day 1: 8:1-11
- ☐ Day 2: 8:12-30
- ☐ Day 3: 8:31-38
- ☐ Day 4: 8:39-47
- ☐ Day 5: 8:48-59

SESSION 9 HANDOUT: JOHN 8:1-59



SESSION BIG IDEA

Since keeping the law does not save us, we must belong to the true Father in order to find freedom.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What was the religious leaders' motivation in coming to Jesus?

What incentivizes us to obey the Lord?

What does Jesus guarantee about his followers' future?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 8:1-59

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In what way has Jesus's kindness to you incentivized you to obey him?

What are the "family resemblances" in your own life? What things in your life reflect God as your father? What doesn't? What do these things reveal about your family tree?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Pray: Ask God to free you from the sin you feel enslaved to. Pray that you would experience his compassion, and that he would remove condemnation.

Create: Create a song that contrasts light and darkness. Create a specific motif, or musical pattern, for "light" and a specific motif for "darkness." Perhaps the "light" motif gradually invades and overtakes the "dark" motif. If you aren't musical, consider contrasting light and darkness through paint, photography, or poetry.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and talk about the ways you might be tempted to soften the gospel. Do you try to make it more palatable to unbelieving friends? What does this reveal about your beliefs of Jesus?

READING PLAN

Week 9

- ☐ **Day 1:** 9:1-7
- ☐ **Day 2:** 9:8-17
- ☐ **Day 3:** 9:18-23
- ☐ **Day 4:** 9:24-34
- ☐ **Day 5:** 9:35-41

SESSION BIG IDEA

Because God's grace exposes our condition, we must either embrace sight through faith in him, or embrace blindness by rejecting him.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

Why does God allow difficulty?

What kind of opposition does a follower of Jesus face?

What does Jesus use a man's physical blindness to demonstrate?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 9:1-41

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

How have you seen God use your suffering for your good?

What things can we do to be prepared for future opposition because of our faith in Jesus?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Memorize: Memorize and meditate upon Romans 8:28.

Create: Use your phone to create a video that captures the sense of wonder that the blind man must have felt upon receiving sight. Aim to capture beautiful scenery as the sun comes up. What details, colors, movement, and depth can you depict through the video as darkness gives way to sight? How can you experiment with blurriness coming into focus? What small details most capture your attention? Be creative.

Journal: What trials have you suffered? What was your perspective on those things at the time? How has God used those things for your good? Is it still in process? How has he used it to open your eyes to see him more clearly? In what way is he disciplining you as a child, in love?

READING PLAN

Week 10

- ☐ **Day 1:** 10:1-6
- ☐ **Day 2:** 10:7-18
- ☐ **Day 3:** 10:19-30
- ☐ **Day 4:** 10:31-39
- ☐ **Day 5:** 10:40-42

SESSION 11 HANDOUT: JOHN 10:1-42



SESSION BIG IDEA

If a person belongs to the fold of God, they will hear his voice, follow him, and experience abundant life.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

How does a person get into Jesus's fold?

What kind of life did God intend for us to have? How do we experience it now?

How does a person tune in to the Shepherd's voice?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 10:1-42

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

How would you describe your Shepherd's voice? What characterizes his tone, his words, and his demeanor?

In what ways has the enemy tried to steal from you, kill your joy, and destroy your life?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete before next week.

Memorize: Memorize and meditate upon John 10:10.

Discuss: Spend time with a friend and talk about the ways the thief steals, kills, and destroys in your life. How does this happen through sin? In what ways are you listening to an imposter's voice? How can you guard against the thief?

Journal: Consider your own life. Do you believe that Jesus is the Good Shepherd? Do you believe he is one with God? Are you his sheep? Are you staying close to him? How much of the abundant life he offers have you experienced? How might you be rejecting a fuller experience of him? What is he saying to you today?

READING PLAN

Week 11

- ☐ Day 1: 11:1-16
- ☐ Day 2: 11:17-27
- ☐ Day 3: 10:28-37
- ☐ Day 4: 10:38-44
- ☐ Day 5: 10:45-57

SESSION 12 HANDOUT: JOHN 11:1–57



SESSION BIG IDEA

Because Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in him will never taste death.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What does the person who has faith in Christ never experience?

What comes before seeing?

Why does Jesus perform his works?

BIBLE STUDY NOTES: JOHN 11:1–57

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Have you ever experienced a trial or season of suffering that caused you to doubt God's character or His love toward you? What happened in that time?

How does the fact that Christians will never taste death change your perspective on bodily death, or your fear of it?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity to complete.

Pray: Talk to God about the way he sometimes answers your prayers differently than you would like. Acknowledge that he is God and knows best, and ask him to help you trust him, even when his answers are painful in the moment.

Create: Sculpt a small vase or bottle out of clay, or find one in your cupboards to display. Let it remind you of the way God saves your tears in his bottle; he doesn't waste pain with his children. It can also be a reminder of Jesus's own tears at the grief of sin and death, and his willingness to go to the cross for you so your tears will one day be wiped away forever.

Journal: Do you tend to doubt God's love and character in the midst of suffering and grief? Do you pour your heart out to him in trust? Do you bring accusation against him? How might he be working behind the scenes to bring you to greater belief?