

DEEP DIVE

WEDNESDAY

DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT 2025

A Study of the Gospel
According to John



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At Antioch, we are called to Build People to Reflect Jesus. Deep Dive Wednesday is a unique opportunity to connect with fellow believers and explore the Word in a supportive environment.

Rather than traditional preaching, each group meet up is designed to foster meaningful discussions with facilitators guiding you through engaging study questions as we immerse ourselves in the Gospel of John.

Spring Meet Up Information:

- April 16, 2025 – May 28, 2025, 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- Meet up with your community of choice (thank you for registering):
 - In Person Young Adult Community (19 - 29-year-olds) *
 - In Person Adult Community (ages 30 and above) *
 - Virtual/Zoom Community

*In Person classes will meet at ACC

7 Week Study Schedule:

The Discussion Guide will be available on the website, www.antiochchurchfamily.org/resources. Please print the guide, read the chapters for the week's session and answer questions prior to the meet up. When we get together in community, we can share and sharpen one another.

Meet up Date:	Study Schedule:
4/16/2025	Book of John Introduction and Chapters 1-3
4/23/2025	Chapters 4 – 6
4/30/2025	Chapters 7 – 9
5/7/2025	Chapters 10 – 12
5/14/2025	Chapters 13 – 15
5/21/2025	Chapters 16 – 19
5/28/2025	Chapters 20 - 21

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SUCCESS FACTORS:

1. Studying a specific book in the Bible is a great way to go deeper in understanding the Scriptures.
2. You will go as deep as you desire based on your commitment to doing the work.
3. Set aside uninterrupted time to read/study/meditate on chapters and answer questions prior to the group meet up.
4. Study do not just read.
5. Study using different Bible versions.
6. Research anything the Holy Spirit may highlight to you even if it's not on your discussion guide.
7. Expect to hear God speak confirmation to you as you hear the Word on Sundays.
8. Enjoy time diving into the Word depending on the Holy Spirit (He will bring revelation).
9. This is a journey through the Word. It is a marathon not a sprint.
10. There is no competition, the goal is just to grow in the Word week by week.

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #1 Study & Discussion Guide

Theme of the Book: Encountering Jesus – Understanding His Identity and Mission

Author of the Book: John, “The Beloved Disciple” (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20)

Purpose of the Book: In a broad sense, John wrote to provide the Christians of the province of Asia (now in Asia Minor) with a fuller understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. More specifically, he wrote to lead his readers to a settled faith based on the words and works of Jesus, with the result that they “may have life in His name” (20:31).

Synoptic Gospels: The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the synoptic Gospels because they include many of the same stories, often in a similar sequence and in similar or sometimes identical wording.

They stand in contrast to John, whose content is largely distinct. Some of the distinctive differences are:

- 1) Instead of the familiar parables, John has lengthy discourses.
- 2) In place of the many miracles and healings in the other gospels, John uses 7 carefully picked miracles, which serve as “signs”.
- 3) The ministry of Jesus revolves around 3 Passover Feasts, instead as the one cited in the Synoptics
- 4) The “I am” sayings are uniquely John.

John and the Synoptic Gospels: While John most likely knew of the other 3 Gospel accounts, he chose not to follow their chronological sequence of events as much as a topical order. The broad outline is the same, and some particular events in Jesus’ ministry are common to all 4 books.

Content: John divides the ministry of Jesus into 2 distinct parts:

- Chapters 2-12 give insight into His public ministry
- Chapters 13-21 relate His private ministry to His disciples

Christ Revealed: The book of John presents Jesus as the only begotten Son of God who became flesh. Christ consistently pointed beyond Himself to the Father who had sent Him and whom He sought to glorify.

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The Holy Spirit at Work: Unique to John is the designation of the Holy Spirit as “Comforter” or “Helper” (14:16), literally “one called alongside.” He is “another Helper”.

The Holy Spirit fulfills a definite function in relation to Christ. While the Father sent the Spirit in the name of Christ, the Spirit never draws attention to Himself, nor does He speak in His own authority. Instead, His mission is to glorify Jesus and to declare Christ’s teaching to the disciples (16:14).

How can we apply to our lives? John encourages his readers with claims of Jesus that demand a personal response. John 10:10

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Week 1: The Word Became Flesh (John Chapters 1–3)

Main Themes: Jesus as the Word, the Light, and the Son of God; New Birth

Key Points:

1. Jesus is the eternal Word (John 1:1–5).
2. John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus (John 1:19–34).
3. The first miracle: Water to wine (John 2:1–11).
4. Nicodemus and the new birth (John 3:1–21).

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the “Word” and the “Light” (John 1:1-5)?
2. Who has the right to become a child of God? (John 1:10-13)
3. Why did the “Word become flesh” (John 1:14)
4. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple in Jerusalem? (John 2:13-22)
5. Who was Nicodemus, and why did he come to Jesus? (John 3:1-2)
6. What did Jesus explain about the new birth? (Joh 3:3-9)
7. How does John 3:16 summarize the Gospel message?
8. What was the dispute between the disciples of John and the Jews?

(John 3:25-36)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #2 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 2: Living Water & True Worship (John Chapters 4–6)

Main Themes: Jesus as Living Water, the Bread of Life

Key Points:

- Jesus and the Samaritan woman – Living Water (John 4:1–26).
- Jesus heals the official's son (John 4:46–54).
- The feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1–15).
- Jesus as the Bread of Life (John 6:25–71).

Discussion Questions:

1. What was so unusual about Jesus talking to the woman of Samaria? (John 4:7-9)
2. What does Jesus mean when He says He gives "living water" (John 4:13-14)?
3. What question did the disciples want to ask of Jesus? (John 4:27)
4. What did the woman of Samaria tell the men in her city? (John 4:28-30)
5. What happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (5:1-9a)
6. How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father? (5:19-30)
7. Why were so many people offended by Jesus? (John 6:60-65)?
8. Once offended, what did these people do? (John 6:66)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #3 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 3: The Light of the World (John Chapters 7-9)

Main Themes: Jesus as the Light, Spiritual Blindness

Key Points:

- Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7).
- Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1–11).
- Jesus declares, “I am the Light of the World” (John 8:12).
- Healing the man born blind (John 9).

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus avoid Judea at this time? (John 7:1)
2. What did the brothers of Jesus want Him to do? (John 7:2-5)

How did Jesus answer His brothers? (John 7:6-9)

3. How are we to “judge”? (John 7:21-24)
4. Describe the conversation between the officers, chief priests, and Pharisees?
(John 7:45-52)
5. Why did the Pharisees bring a woman “caught in adultery” to Jesus? (John 7:53-8:11)
6. What does it mean to “abide” in the words of Jesus? (John 8:31-32)
7. What questions did the disciples have concerning the blind man? (John 9:1-5)
8. How was the blind man healed? (John 9:6-7)

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What did “public opinion” say about the blind man? (John 9:8-12)

Describe the conversation between the blind man who had been healed and the Pharisees? (John 9:13-17)

‘What did the Pharisees accuse the formerly blind man of? (John 9:24-34)

How did Jesus react to what the Pharisees had done? (John 9:35-41)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #4 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 4: The Good Shepherd & The Resurrection (John Chapters 10-12)

Main Themes: Jesus as the Good Shepherd, His Power over Death

Key Points:

- Jesus, the Good Shepherd who lays down His life (John 10:1–21).
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11).
- The anointing at Bethany and the triumphal entry (John 12).

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a “sheepfold”? What did it illustrate in this passage? (John 10:1-16)
2. How is Jesus the “door of the sheep”? (John 10:7-10)?
3. How and why is Jesus the “good shepherd”? (John 10:11-15)
4. Describe the scene when Jesus reached Bethany (John 11:17-19)
5. Why did Jesus weep at the tomb of Lazarus? (John 11:35-37)
6. Why did Mary anoint Jesus with spikenard? (John 12:1-3)
7. What happened as Jesus entered Jerusalem? Why? (John 12:9-19)
8. What did the prophet Isaiah say about Jesus? (John 12:36b-43)

Where did Jesus get His message from? (John 12:44-50)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #5 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 5: The Last Supper & Abiding in Christ (John Chapters 13-15)

Main Themes: Servant Leadership, Love, Abiding in Christ

Key Points:

- Jesus washes the disciples' feet (John 13:1–17).
- Jesus' command to love one another (John 13:34–35).
- The promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14).
- The Vine and the Branches – Abiding in Christ (John 15).

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Jesus do for His apostles at the Last Supper? (John 13:1-11) What does Jesus' act teach us about servant leadership?
2. Where was Judas seated (or reclining) during the Last Supper? (John 13:26-30)
3. What is the most comforting aspect of John 14:1-3?
4. What did Thomas and Phillip want to know? (John 14:4-15)
5. Who or what did Jesus promise to send to His apostles? Why? (John 14:16-31)
6. How do we abide in Christ daily? (John 15:4-5)
7. How can one prove their friendship towards Christ? (John 15:9-17)
8. Why will the world hate us? (John 15:18-25)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #6 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 6: The High Priestly Prayer & The Crucifixion (John Chapters 16-19)

Main Themes: Jesus' Prayer, Betrayal, Trial, and Death

Key Points:

- Jesus prays for His disciples and all believers (John 17).
- The betrayal and arrest of Jesus (John 18:1–11).
- Jesus before Pilate – “My Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36).
- The crucifixion and burial (John 19).

Discussion Questions:

1. What were some of the things the Holy Spirit would do? How? (John 16:5-15)
2. What discussion did the disciples have among themselves? (John 16:16-24)
3. Who does Jesus pray for in the first part of His prayer? (John 17:1-5)
4. Who does Jesus pray for in the second part of His prayer? (John 17:6-19)
5. Who does Jesus pray for in the final part of His prayer? (John 17:20-26)
6. Describe the conversation between Jesus and the group of men in John 18:4-9.
7. After His arrest, where was Jesus taken? Why? (John 18:12-14)
8. Describe the conversation between Pilate and the Jewish leaders. (John 18:29-32)

What did Pilate want to know about Jesus? What did he find out? (John 18:33-38)

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Who was Barabbas? What Passover custom did he benefit from? (John 18:39-40)

9. Why did Pilate have Jesus scourged? (John 19:1-5)
10. Describe the scene at the cross, as John saw it. (John 19:17-24)
11. Who stood at the foot of the cross? What did they hear? (John 19:25-30)
12. What does Jesus' final statement, "It is finished" (John 19:30), mean for our salvation?
13. Why did the soldiers intend to break the legs of Jesus? (John 19:31-37)
14. How did Nicodemus assist Joseph of Arimathea? (John 19:39)
15. How does John describe the burial place of Jesus? (John 19:40-42)

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A Study of the Gospel According to John • Week #7 Study & Discussion Guide

Week 7: The Resurrection & The New Life (John Chapters 20-21)

Main Themes: Victory Over Death, Commissioning the Disciples

Key Points:

- Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11–18).
- Jesus appears to Thomas – “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:24–29).
- Jesus restores Peter – “Feed My sheep” (John 21:15–19).

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Mary Magdalene observe at the tomb of Jesus? (John 20:1)

Who did she tell? What did they do? What did they see? (John 20:2-9)

2. What happened on the evening of the resurrection? (John 20:19-23)

Who had to learn about this event from others? (John 20:24-25)

What happened one week later? (John 20:26-29)

Why did John write this account of the gospel? (John 20:30-31)

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3. What do we learn from Thomas' doubts and Jesus' response (John 20:27-29)?

4. How did Peter know that the one speaking to him was the Lord? (John 21:7-8)

5. Describe the conversation between Jesus and Peter. (John 21:15-17)

How does Jesus' restoration of Peter (John 21:15-19) demonstrate His grace?

What question did Peter ask about one of the other disciples? (John 21:20-23)

6. What point was John trying to make in the last two verses of this book? (John 21:24-25)

7. How does Jesus' resurrection change everything for believers?