



Discovery

A Woman's Journey through the Word

Book of John



PURPOSEFUL
Living INC.

HEAL. GROW. INSPIRE. EMPOWER.



Vision

The largest community of women supporting women through the love of Christ.

Mission

To invite women out of isolation and into a Christ-like community.

Niche

To serve the modern woman; the woman who feels pressure to have it all together, but behind closed doors she's hurting, searching, or lonely.

Four Pillars

Coaching, Growth Groups, Care Team, and Events

What We Believe

We believe we are called to be "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20) by "becom[ing] all things to all people" (1 Cor. 9:22). We live out the Bible by meeting women where they are and walking alongside them in their journey of life.

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Welcome



We welcome you to the place where you are loved and accepted right where you are. We encourage you to walk alongside us as we study God's Word together. Welcome to *Discovery: A Woman's Journey Through The Word*.

What We Believe About the Bible

We believe that the Bible is truth and is the infallible Word of God. We believe in the whole Bible from cover to cover.
We believe the Bible was written by men inspired by God.



Expectations

We will provide a safe place where we can study and grow in the Word of God together, therefore, this space will not be used to argue, quarrel, or debate the Word of God amongst each other.

Confidentiality

We will hold sacred space for everyone who attends. What is shared within our sessions will be held in confidence unless permission is granted by the one sharing.

Attendance

We will make a sincere commitment to be faithful in attendance. We understand there are many things that demand our attention but we will make every effort to attend all sessions of a study.

Sharing and Reflecting

We will be courteous and respectful when others are sharing as we are all students and not masters of the Word of God. We will not be afraid to ask questions. We are in this together.



Declaration

As I study, let me discover:

I am the chosen daughter of the Most High God and He has a rich inheritance prepared for me.

I am loved, forgiven, and cherished by my Heavenly Father. I have an open invitation to sit at His feet, learn from Him, and ask questions.

I am being transformed into the glorious masterpiece God intended me to be to fulfill the good plans and works He prepared in advance for my life.

I am walking in the healing, power, and authority that has been given to me through Jesus Christ.

I am embraced by a loving God, and I am never alone. In Him, I am covered and safe.

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Introduction

Author & Date

The early church tradition strongly and consistently identifies the author as the Apostle John and was written approximately AD 90-110. The author simply calls himself, "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

Background

The Book of John has characteristics that are quite different from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The Gospel of John provides a more theological depth of Jesus and His Deity and teachings on the Holy Spirit.

Scholars believe that the Gospel of John was written in Ephesus in Asia Minor where John resided.

Theme

The overall theme of John is "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." The Apostle John uses the word *believe* over 100 times in this text making his point that we should *believe* Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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Chapters 1-6

Things to Consider When Reading

In ancient Jewish culture and 1st century Jewish culture, one's testimony or witness to something was the most valuable proof. There were no cameras or voice recordings with which to capture evidence. There wasn't modern science or forensics. There was testimony.

In God's law, you needed two witnesses to prove your case. It was against God's law to give false witness. The point is that testimony is the greatest form of proof to John, the writer, and all people during this time in history.

Begin to fill out Tables 7-10 in the back of this booklet.

What is the importance or significance of John the Baptist to the story? Why does the author keep referring to John the Baptist?

Table 1.

List the testimonies for or against Jesus and who made them

Ref.	Testimony/Argument	Person & Description
1:32-34	Jesus is the Chosen One of God	John the Baptist

Note any questions or scriptures you did not understand:

What truths did you discover?

What attitudes and actions do you need to change to align yourself with God's truth?

What is God revealing specifically about your life?

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Chapters 7-13

Things to Consider When Reading

John is going to start to hone in on the disbelief of people.

John has made a large case for Jesus' divinity, but he also points out Jesus' humanness.

One of the ways Jesus demonstrates His divinity is through prophecy. Prophecy can be understood as history written or known in advance or the future told before it happens. Jesus speaks prophetic words pointing to the future, but He also fulfills prophetic scripture written in the past. Look for both types of prophecy and note the scripture reference.

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Who does not believe Jesus?

John's thesis statement is found in John 3:16.

Table 2.

List the ways in which Jesus shows or teaches about love.

Ref.	Act or Lesson about Love
3:16-17	God sent Jesus to save the world

Table 3. List Jesus' prophetic statements

Ref.	Statement
2:19	"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Table 4. List Jesus' fulfillment of prophetic scripture

Ref.	Act of Fulfillment
2:17	Passion for God's house will consume Me

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Chapters 14-21

Things to Consider When Reading

We are picking up our reading right in the midst of Jesus' last supper with His disciples. He just washed their feet, acting out servant leadership in the most humbling display. Not only that but He dialogues with them preparing them for what is to come. He was preparing *them* and comforting *them* for what was to come - His anguishing death.

John spends 7 chapters (1/3 of his gospel), on the week before Jesus' death with most of that being the 24-48 hours immediately before. Again, this points out that Jesus served others until the very last moment.

Pay close attention to the suffering of Jesus, the very human suffering that He endured and consider how and why that is significant to God's story and to the promise of the Gospel.

Continue to fill out Tables 7 & 8 in the back of this booklet.

1. Jesus is denied many times. Who denies Jesus?
2. Why does Jesus have to die?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?
4. Who witnesses seeing Jesus alive after His burial?
5. Why does John say he wrote this book?

Table 5.

List Jesus' commands and instructions to His disciples

Ref.	Command or Instruction
13:12-17	Wash others feet (Serve one another)

Table 6.

List what Jesus says/teaches about the Holy Spirit

Ref.	Lesson about the Holy Spirit
14:16	An advocate from the Father

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The following tables should be used throughout the entire Book of John.

Table 9. List Jesus' 7 "I AM" statements

Ref.	Statement	Significance
6:35	I am the bread of life	He is the source of substance

Table 10. List Jesus' 7 signs/miracles performed

Ref.	Sign/Miracle	Significance
2:1-12	He turns water into wine	Jesus is the master of creation