



THE
GOSPEL
OF
JOHN

John Chapters 3 & 4

Message Series Notes and
Personal Study Guide



JOHN

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of Jesus Christ, Jesus and the
only means of Salvation

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MAIN VERSES:

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

READING SCHEDULE:

APRIL 21: JOHN 3:1-15

APRIL 28: JOHN 3:16-21

MAY 5: JOHN 3:22-36

MAY 12: JOHN 4: 1-30, 39-45

MAY 19: JOHN 4:31-38

MAY 26: JOHN 4:46-54

WEEK 1: JESUS AND NICODEMUS

JOHN 3: 1-15

ICEBREAKER

Who was your favorite teacher?
Why?

BIG IDEA

Being “born again” is understanding the spiritual rebirth and renewal that comes through faith in Jesus.

QUESTIONS

What important group was Nicodemus part of?

Why do you think he visited Jesus at night?

Read John 3:3 -8 What does it mean to be born again? What does it mean to be born of water and the spirit?

Where are you in this journey?

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What is God saying to you through this passage? Ask God to show you spiritual renewal in your life.



WEEK 2: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

JOHN 3:16-21

ICEBREAKER

How are you at memorizing?
Is it hard for you? Or easy?
What helps you?

BIG IDEA

God's love for us is the starting point for the salvation we have through Jesus.

QUESTIONS

Read John 3:16 This verse is arguably the most well known verse in the Bible. Why do you think that is?

While this verse is well known, do you think people understand it?

Why did God send His son to the world?

Explain how God's love for us is the starting point for our salvation. How does this challenge you?

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Who in your life needs to hear this message? Pray for God to give you the opportunity to share His message with someone who needs to hear it.



WEEK 3: JOHN THE BAPTIST EXALTS CHRIST

JOHN 3:22-36

ICEBREAKER

If you could make a living with any job, what would you do?

BIG IDEA

Instead of getting caught up in our own business, we are called to see and emphasize the work and working of Jesus.

QUESTIONS

Why was John glad about his disciples' report that people were going to Jesus to be Baptized, instead of him? How can we relate to the concern the disciples of John were reporting?

John placed a greater priority on the work Jesus was doing - how are we challenged to do the same in our own lives? In what parts of our lives is it harder to prioritize the work of Jesus?

Where have you experienced Jesus working in your life? What types of things or experiences seem to allow His working to take place?

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What is one way you can walk with Jesus more closely in the coming week?



WEEK 4: JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

JOHN 4:1-30 , 39-45

ICEBREAKER

Is there a country or culture that you think would be uncomfortable for you to visit or experience? Why?

BIG IDEA

Jesus comes for all people and meets them where they are at.

QUESTIONS

What is significant about this story taking place in Samaria?

Since "nice" girls did not come to draw water at noontime why do you think Jesus risked his reputation to ask a favor of this women? How did she respond?

Read John 4: 13 -15 What did Jesus say would be a result of the water He offered?

Read John 4: 16- 21 Who did Jesus tell the Samaritan women to go and tell? How did Jesus answer her and why do you think he answered in this way?

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What types of things do you "thirst" for in your life? What is God telling us about these things? Pray



WEEK 5: MEANWHILE, WITH THE DISCIPLES

JOHN 4:31-38

ICEBREAKER

How are you at gardening?

BIG IDEA

Jesus calls His disciples (and us) into the greater work of sharing Him with others

QUESTIONS

What did the disciples “urge” Jesus to do?

What did Jesus tell the disciples? What did Jesus say was His food?

Read John 4: 35-38 What did Jesus say about the fields? What kind of crop did Jesus say the reaper was harvesting?

What types of barriers get in the way of you sharing Christ with others?

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Ask God to show you how you can be involved in reaping and harvesting for His kingdom. Pray



WEEK 6: HEALING OF AN OFFICIALS SON

JOHN 4:43-54

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever experienced a miracle?

BIG IDEA

Jesus challenges His followers to a faith that is based on more than just the signs and miracles He can work for them.

QUESTIONS

How did so many people in Galilee already know Jesus?

When Jesus was last in Cana, what miracle did He do?

What did the royal official ask of Jesus? What did Jesus do for his son?

In John 4:48 Jesus says, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you will never believe." Do you need to see signs and wonders to believe? How does this challenge you?

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What does it mean to take Jesus at His word? How can you grow in this way? Pray



