

# The Gospel of John

## *A Peace ~ Love ~ Pray Ministry Bible Study*

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1 (ESV)*

### **How This Study Works**

Each lesson in this study is built around one chapter at a time of John's Gospel . Before each session, you will **read the entire chapter** from your Bible. Taking time to read God's Word for yourself is essential—this study is not meant to replace Scripture but to help you understand and apply it to your life.

As you read, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to what God wants to reveal to you through His Word.

### **What Each Lesson Includes**

**Chapter Reading:** You will read the full chapter being studied, allowing Scripture to speak for itself before diving into discussion.

**Chapter Summary:** A brief overview of the key events, teachings, and themes within the chapter to help orient your study.

**Discussion Questions:** Thoughtful questions designed to help you dig deeper into the text, examine its meaning, and consider how it applies to your life. These questions work well for personal reflection or group discussion.

**Disciple Focus:** A practical application section that highlights a key discipleship principle from the chapter. This feature helps you move from simply knowing God's Word to actively living it out as a follower of Jesus.

***Let's believe and experience life in His name together.***

*"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." — John 14:6*



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# **Gospel of John**

## **John 1 - The Word, John the Baptist, and Jesus' Call**

### **Summary**

John introduces Jesus as the eternal Word of God, who was with God and is God. John the Baptist testifies about Jesus as the Lamb of God. Jesus calls His first disciples, showing that following Him begins with recognition and faith.

### **Study Questions**

1. What does it mean that Jesus is “the Word” and “with God” from the beginning?
2. How did John the Baptist point people to Jesus, and what can we learn from him?
3. How did the first disciples respond when Jesus called them, and what does that teach us about following Him?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Recognize Jesus as God and center your faith in Him.
  - Point others to Jesus by sharing what you know of Him.
  - Respond to Jesus' call promptly, leaving distractions behind if needed.
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## **John 2 - The Wedding at Cana and Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

### **Summary**

Jesus performs His first miracle, turning water into wine, revealing His glory and power. He also clears the temple, showing zeal for God's house and the importance of worshiping Him with purity and integrity.

### **Study Questions**

1. Why is the miracle at Cana significant for understanding Jesus' power and compassion?
2. What does Jesus' action in the temple teach about honoring God?
3. How can we apply the principle of purity and reverence in our own worship?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust Jesus to bring transformation in your life and the lives of others.
- Worship God with sincerity, heart, and respect.
- Let God's holiness guide your decisions, attitudes, and actions.

# John 3 - Nicodemus, New Birth, and God's Love

## Summary

Jesus teaches Nicodemus that entering God's kingdom requires being "born again" spiritually. He explains God's immense love for the world, sending His Son to save us. John 3:16 highlights the promise of eternal life for everyone who believes.

## Study Questions

1. What does being "born again" mean, and why is it necessary?
2. How does John 3:16 show the depth of God's love?
3. What role does faith in Jesus play in receiving eternal life?

## Discipleship Application

- Accept Jesus as your Savior and be spiritually renewed.
  - Reflect on God's love and share it with others.
  - Live with faith and trust in the promise of eternal life.
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# John 4 - Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

## Summary

Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman, breaking cultural barriers, and offers "living water" that satisfies spiritual thirst. He reveals Himself as the Messiah and teaches about worshiping God in spirit and truth. Many Samaritans believe because of her testimony.

## Study Questions

1. How does Jesus show love and break barriers when talking to the Samaritan woman?
2. What is the "living water" Jesus offers, and how does it satisfy our deepest needs?
3. How did the woman's testimony impact others, and what does that teach us about sharing faith?

## Discipleship Application

- Approach others with love and openness, regardless of differences.
- Seek Jesus to satisfy your spiritual thirst and daily needs.
- Share your faith and personal experiences of God with others.

# Closing Prayer for John 1–4

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for revealing Yourself as the Word, the Messiah, and the living water.

Help us to follow You faithfully, worship You sincerely, and share Your love with those around us.

Transform our hearts, guide our steps, and fill us with Your Spirit so we may live fully in Your truth.

Amen.



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# **Bible Study: Gospel of John (Chapters 5–8)**

## **John 5 - Healing at the Pool and Jesus' Authority**

### **Summary**

Jesus heals a man who had been sick for 38 years at the pool of Bethesda. He teaches that God has given Him authority to give life and judge, showing that belief in Him brings spiritual and eternal life.

### **Study Questions**

1. Why does Jesus emphasize His authority comes from the Father?
2. How does healing the man at the pool illustrate God's compassion and power?
3. What does it mean that Jesus gives life and judgment?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust Jesus as the one with authority over life and eternity.
  - Believe in His power to heal, restore, and transform.
  - Follow His teachings, knowing He is accountable to God and for your life.
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## **John 6 - Feeding the 5,000 and the Bread of Life**

### **Summary**

Jesus feeds 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, demonstrating His compassion and power. He teaches that He is the Bread of Life—spiritual nourishment that satisfies eternal hunger. Belief in Him brings eternal life.

### **Study Questions**

1. How does Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5,000 reveal His care for both physical and spiritual needs?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the Bread of Life?
3. How does believing in Him bring eternal life?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust Jesus to provide for your needs—both physical and spiritual.
- Seek spiritual nourishment through His Word and presence.
- Live with faith in His promise of eternal life, relying on Him daily.

# John 7 - Jesus Teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles

## Summary

Jesus teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles, emphasizing that living water—the Holy Spirit—flows from Him to those who believe. Many are amazed, while some resist Him. He challenges everyone to receive spiritual life through faith.

## Study Questions

1. What does Jesus mean by offering “living water”?
2. How do people respond differently to Jesus’ teaching, and why?
3. What does it mean to receive the Spirit as a source of life?

## Discipleship Application

- Seek the Holy Spirit daily as living water for your soul.
- Be open to Jesus’ teaching, even when others reject it.
- Let God’s Spirit guide your thoughts, actions, and decisions.

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# John 8 - Light of the World, Truth, and Freedom

## Summary

Jesus declares that He is the Light of the World, offering truth and freedom. He forgives a woman caught in sin, confronts religious hypocrisy, and teaches that following Him brings true spiritual freedom. Belief in Him aligns us with God’s truth.

## Study Questions

1. How does Jesus show mercy while upholding truth with the woman caught in sin?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the Light of the World?
3. How does following Jesus bring freedom from sin and deception?

## Discipleship Application

- Walk in Jesus’ light, allowing His truth to guide your life.
- Show mercy and grace, following His example.
- Embrace freedom in Christ, turning from sin and trusting His guidance.

# Closing Prayer for John 5–8

Heavenly Father,

**Thank You for sending Jesus, the Bread of Life and Light of the World.**

**Help us to believe in Him, receive the Spirit, and walk in Your truth and freedom.**

**Teach us to trust His authority, share His love, and rely on Him daily for life, guidance, and eternal hope.**

**Amen.**



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# **Bible Study: Gospel of John (Chapters 9–12)**

## **John 9 - Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

### **Summary**

Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth, showing His power and compassion. The Pharisees question him, highlighting human resistance to God's work. Jesus teaches that spiritual sight comes from believing in Him as the Son of God.

### **Study Questions**

1. What does this healing teach about Jesus' power and compassion?
2. How did the Pharisees react, and what can we learn about accepting God's work?
3. How does Jesus give spiritual sight to those who believe in Him?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust Jesus to bring both physical and spiritual transformation.
  - Be open to God's work in your life, even if others doubt.
  - Believe in Jesus to receive spiritual understanding and direction.
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## **John 10 - The Good Shepherd and True Life**

### **Summary**

Jesus teaches that He is the Good Shepherd who cares for His sheep, laying down His life for them. He contrasts His selfless love with false leaders and emphasizes that those who follow Him have eternal life and security.

### **Study Questions**

1. How does Jesus show that He is the Good Shepherd?
2. What makes His care different from that of others?
3. What does it mean to have eternal life and security in Him?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Follow Jesus closely, trusting His guidance and protection.
- Learn to recognize and avoid false teachings or influences.
- Rest in the assurance of eternal life through faith in Him.

# John 11 - The Raising of Lazarus

## Summary

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating His authority over life and death. This miracle strengthens the faith of His followers and reveals God's glory. Jesus comforts Mary and Martha, showing His compassion in times of grief.

## Study Questions

1. How does Jesus show compassion to Mary and Martha in their grief?
2. What does raising Lazarus teach about Jesus' authority over life and death?
3. How does this miracle strengthen faith in God's power?

## Discipleship Application

- Bring your grief and struggles to Jesus, trusting His comfort.
- Believe in His power over life, death, and impossible situations.
- Share your faith in God's miracles and glory with others.

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# John 12 - Jesus' Triumphal Entry and the Path to Glory

## Summary

Jesus enters Jerusalem as King, fulfilling prophecy and preparing for His death. He teaches that following Him means serving, dying to self, and living for God's glory. He warns about unbelief but promises that belief in Him brings eternal light and life.

## Study Questions

1. Why is Jesus' triumphal entry significant for understanding His mission?
2. What does it mean to "die to self" in order to follow Him?
3. How does believing in Jesus bring light and life to our lives?

## Discipleship Application

- Follow Jesus as King, surrendering self-interest for God's will.
- Serve others and live with purpose, reflecting His glory.
- Walk in faith and belief, letting His light guide every step.

# Closing Prayer for John 9–12

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for being our Good Shepherd, our life, and our Light.

Help us to trust Your power, follow You wholeheartedly, and believe in Your promises.

Teach us to serve, surrender, and walk in faith, sharing Your love and glory with the world.

Amen.



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# **Bible Study: Gospel of John (Chapters 13–16)**

## **John 13 - Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

### **Summary**

Jesus humbly washes His disciples' feet, teaching them about servant leadership and love. He predicts His betrayal and calls His followers to love one another as He has loved them, showing that true greatness comes through humility and service.

### **Study Questions**

1. What does Jesus washing the disciples' feet teach about humility and service?
2. How did the disciples react, and what does that teach about following Jesus?
3. What does it mean to "love one another as I have loved you"?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Serve others with humility, following Jesus' example.
  - Show love and care even to those who may betray or oppose you.
  - Make love the foundation of every relationship and action.
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## **John 14 - Comfort, Guidance, and the Promise of the Holy Spirit**

### **Summary**

Jesus comforts His disciples, promising that He is going to prepare a place for them in heaven. He promises the Holy Spirit as a Helper, who will teach, guide, and empower them. Believers are called to trust in Him and His abiding presence.

### **Study Questions**

1. How does Jesus comfort His disciples about His departure?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a believer?
3. How can we experience peace by trusting Jesus' promises?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust Jesus' promise of eternal life and His preparation for you.
- Seek guidance and strength from the Holy Spirit daily.
- Allow Jesus' peace to rule your heart, even in uncertain times.

# John 15 - The Vine, Abiding, and Fruitfulness

## Summary

Jesus teaches that He is the true Vine and believers are the branches. Staying connected to Him is essential for spiritual life and fruitfulness. He emphasizes obedience, love, and the importance of keeping His commandments to experience deep fellowship and blessing.

## Study Questions

1. What does it mean to “abide in the Vine” and why is it necessary?
2. How does obeying Jesus’ commands relate to love and fruitfulness?
3. What kind of “fruit” should we seek in our lives as followers of Jesus?

## Discipleship Application

- Stay connected to Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and worship.
- Obey Him as an expression of love and faith.
- Seek to produce spiritual fruit in character, service, and relationships.

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# John 16 — The Work of the Spirit and Overcoming the World

## Summary (Simple)

Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit will guide believers into all truth, convict the world of sin, and empower them to endure. He reminds them that while the world will bring trials, they can have peace because He has overcome it.

## Study Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit help believers understand and live in God’s truth?
2. What encouragement does Jesus give for facing trials in the world?
3. How does His victory over the world strengthen our faith?

## Discipleship Application

- Rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance, understanding, and strength.
- Face trials with courage, remembering Jesus has overcome the world.
- Trust His promises and walk in peace, hope, and confidence.

# Closing Prayer for John 13–16

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your love, guidance, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to serve with humility, remain connected to Jesus, and produce lasting fruit in our lives.

Strengthen us to face trials with faith, walk in obedience, and live in the peace and victory of Christ.

Amen.



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# **Bible Study: Gospel of John (Chapters 17–20)**

## **John 17 - Jesus' High Priestly Prayer**

### **Summary**

Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and all future believers. He asks for glory, unity, protection, and sanctification. This prayer reveals Jesus' deep love and care for His followers and His desire that they experience God's presence fully.

### **Study Questions**

1. What does Jesus' prayer reveal about His heart for His followers?
2. How does Jesus ask God to protect and unite His disciples?
3. What does it mean to be sanctified in truth?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Pray for others, following Jesus' example of intercession.
  - Seek unity and peace within your church and community.
  - Live in obedience to God's Word, allowing Him to sanctify your life.
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## **John 18 - Jesus Arrested and Tried**

### **Summary**

Jesus is betrayed by Judas, arrested, and brought before the religious leaders and Pilate. Though innocent, He submits to God's plan, showing courage, humility, and trust in the Father. His trial demonstrates the opposition believers may face for righteousness.

### **Study Questions**

1. How does Jesus show humility and trust during His arrest and trial?
2. What can we learn about standing firm in truth when facing opposition?
3. Why is it important that Jesus willingly submitted to God's plan?

### **Discipleship Application**

- Trust God even in difficult or unjust circumstances.
- Stand firm in righteousness and truth.
- Surrender to God's plan, knowing He works all things for good.

# John 19 - The Crucifixion of Jesus

## Summary

Jesus is sentenced to death, mocked, and crucified. He bears the sins of the world and fulfills Scripture. Even in suffering, He shows love and obedience. His death opens the way for forgiveness and restored relationship with God.

## Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' willingness to die teach about His love and obedience?
2. How does His crucifixion make forgiveness and salvation possible?
3. What does it mean for believers to share in the benefits of His sacrifice?

## Discipleship Application

- Reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice daily.
  - Live in gratitude and obedience, remembering His gift of salvation.
  - Share the message of forgiveness and hope with others.
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# John 20 - The Resurrection of Jesus

## Summary

Jesus rises from the dead, appearing first to Mary Magdalene and then to His disciples. His resurrection confirms His victory over sin and death and gives hope to all who believe. He commissions His followers to live in faith and spread the good news.

## Study Questions

1. Why is the resurrection the foundation of Christian faith?
2. How did Jesus' appearances strengthen the faith of His disciples?
3. What does His resurrection mean for your daily life and future hope?

## Discipleship Application

- Live in the hope and power of the resurrection.
- Strengthen your faith through reflection, prayer, and fellowship.
- Share the Good News boldly, knowing Jesus is alive and active today.

# Closing Prayer for John 17–20

Lord Jesus,

**Thank You for Your prayerful care, Your obedience, and Your victory over sin and death.  
Help us to trust You in trials, live in Your forgiveness, and walk in the hope of Your resurrection.  
Empower us to share Your love and truth with the world, following You faithfully every day.  
Amen.**



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# Bible Study: Gospel of John (Chapter 21)

## John 21 — Jesus Appears to His Disciples and Restores Peter

### Summary

After His resurrection, Jesus appears to His disciples by the Sea of Galilee. He performs a miraculous catch of fish and shares breakfast with them. He lovingly restores Peter, who had denied Him, and commissions him to feed and care for His followers. This chapter emphasizes forgiveness, restoration, and faithful service.

### Study Questions

1. How does Jesus show care and provision in the miraculous catch of fish?
2. What does Jesus' restoration of Peter teach about forgiveness and second chances?
3. How does Jesus' commissioning of Peter apply to all believers today?

### Discipleship Application

- Trust Jesus to provide for your needs and guide your steps.
- Accept His forgiveness and step into new beginnings without shame or fear.
- Serve others faithfully, using your gifts and opportunities to honor Christ.

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## Closing Prayer for John 21

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for restoring us, forgiving our failures, and giving us purpose.

Help us to trust Your guidance, accept Your grace, and serve others with joy and humility.

May our lives reflect Your love, provision, and faithfulness to all we encounter.

Amen.



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