



GOSPEL OF JOHN

A Small Group Bible Study

CHAPTER 1

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This Bible study is designed for small group study. The small group discussion format for Bible study involves a weekly live discussion of a passage of scripture previously studied individually or with a partner. Ideally, you and your fellow small group members will study and develop answers daily to the six days of study questions, then meet as a group to discuss your answers. Some enjoy working alone to develop their answers, while others such as couples or friends like to work in pairs. At the weekly meetings discussion leaders facilitate the group in answering the questions. The idea is to share insights, explore the Bible together, and benefit from group discussion of biblical principles.

This format is designed to challenge the student to study the Bible on a daily basis, discuss and share insights with others, and learn biblical truths that can be applied in daily life. Daily study can take as little as 15 minutes but is typically 30 minutes. The weekly discussion can easily last an hour, and may easily take 90 minutes or longer with groups that are comfortable or familiar with one another. The facilitator should allow all to share, but keep the group on track and ensure that opinions do not trump the truth of God's Word.

Discussion leaders do not have all the answers and should not be expected to have them – they should be expected to: 1) be knowledgeable on Biblical doctrine; 2) understand how to facilitate group discussion; and 3) know how to say *"I don't know"*. Discussion leaders and students can learn from each other and learn more about the life of Jesus Christ together. It may surprise you how much you can learn from this format. Let me know how it works out for you, I would love to hear from you. God Bless,

Tim Scott

DAY ONE

1. What do you learn about God from reading the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 1 and 2?

2. Jesus Christ is referred to as the Word. List 5 aspects of Jesus Christ we learn from studying the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 1-4.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

3. Jesus is referred to as the Light. List 5 truths you learn about the Light from reading the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 4 through 9.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

DAY TWO

1. Compare the 2 basic reactions man has to Jesus as the Light in reading the Gospel of John Chapter 3, verses 19-21.

2. What truths can you see by studying the Epistle of I John Chapter 3 verse 1 and then studying the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 10-11?

3. Give some examples of how the world did not recognize and did not receive Jesus Christ.

DAY THREE

1. In reading the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verse 16 it says we have received blessing after blessing from Jesus Christ. What blessings have you received?

2. Why would the message John preached as shown in the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verse 15 seem strange to the Jews?

3. List 5 things you learn about John the Baptist from reading Luke Chapter 1, verses 14-17 as given by the angel Gabriel.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

DAY FOUR

1. What do you learn about John the Baptist from studying what Jesus said in Matthew Chapter 11, verses 7 through 14?

2. From the readings of Matthew Chapter 3, verses 5 and 6 and Mark Chapter 1 verse 5, why did the Jewish leaders send messengers to inquire of John the Baptist who he was?

3. From the nature of the question the Pharisees asked in the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verse 24, what was their view of John's authority to baptize?

DAY FIVE

1. What reason does John the Baptist give for performing water baptisms and what life lesson do we gather from this concept today?

2. From studying the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 32 through 34 explain:

- What John the Baptist saw _____
- Who told him it would happen _____
- What it signified _____
- Who John the Baptist stated Jesus was _____
- What John the Baptist saw _____

3. From studying the Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 35 through 40 explain:

- Who was John the Baptist with when he said "Look, the Lamb of God!"

- What their reaction was when John made the statement

- What Jesus asked them

- What we can discern of their intentions from their reply

- What was Jesus' reply

- What you think they did for the rest of that day

DAY SIX

1. What can we surmise of the character and life of Andrew from studying the following verses?

- Matt 4:18 _____
- Matt 4:20 _____
- Luke 6:13-16 _____
- John 1:37 _____
- John 1:44 _____
- John 6:8-9 _____

2. What do we know about Peter from the following verses:

- Matt 16:21-23 _____
- Matt 19:27 _____
- Mark 8:29 _____
- John 13:6-8 _____
- Acts 3:1-26 _____
- Acts 4:13 _____
- Gal 2:7-9 _____

3. Compare Nathanael's initial impression of Jesus when he first was told of him to Jesus greeting and impression of Nathanael.

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<http://www.free-online-bible-study.com/gospel-of-john-chapter-1a.html>