



# The Gospel of John

## Session One: Introduction

### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN INTRODUCTION

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 1:1-18

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_—PRESENT IN \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:1-5

2. THE WORD—TRUE \_\_\_\_\_ AND TRUE \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:6-13

3. THE WORD—\_\_\_\_\_ AMONG HIS \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:14-18

#### APPLY

In what area of your life do you sense God calling you to carry the light of Christ in a more intentional way this year?

#### READING PLAN

- Monday- John 1:1-5
- Tuesday- John 1:6-8
- Wednesday- John 1:9-13
- Thursday- John 1:14-15
- Friday- John 1:16-18

*Our words reveal our heart and mind to others, and God's Word is no different. Choose one verse or phrase from 1:1-18 that stands out to you: something that intrigues or puzzles you, resonates with you, or something you'd like to examine further. Spend the next week reflecting on what this phrase reveals about God's heart and mind. Take note or journal any new insights.*

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## LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

### LESSON #2

#### THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 1:19-34

#### THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

At some point, every person is faced with the question of their identity. While psychologist Abraham Maslow might call the end goal of this search self-actualization, the result for Christians should not be self-actualization, but Christ-realization.

When we put Christ at the center of who we are, He becomes our identity, and shapes our talents and vocation around His activity in our lives. When that happens, we have a story to tell—not about how great we are, but by how great Jesus is—that we won’t be able to keep inside.

John the Baptist understood his life's purpose was to know Christ and make Him known. John stands as an example of a faithful servant of God.

#### THE MAIN IDEA

John the Baptist's identity, ministry, and testimony all pointed toward Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

#### QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

*How much of what I believe about myself, the work that I engage in, and the conversations that I have, point others to Christ?*

