The Gospel according to John

Study Guide

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Dear CCC Family and Friends:

As we as a church embark upon our study of the Gospel of John, we want to encourage you to join us each week in our Wednesday Bible study, to prayerfully read through the book and to engage in this study with us. We have prepared this study guide overview to equip you with tools to dig into the book and mine nuggets of wisdom, revelation and insight about our Lord that strengthen and build you up in your faith.

We will provide weekly outlines for you to review the chapter or section that we are studying, and follow along with us as you take notes. We ask you to bring with you to your study area:

1. A study Bible of your choosing. One of the study Bibles we use is the New Spirit-Filled Life Bible, New King James Version.
2. A notebook or notes app for taking notes.
3. The weekly outline with reflection questions
4. A binder or folder (hardcopy or electronic) in which to collect and save your weekly outlines.

The night of the study, we ask you to sign in to your streaming platform of choice at least 5 minutes early, as we will start on time and we don’t want you to miss anything. Our aim will be to present the studies in a conversational format, as we collaboratively teach the lessons. We also will ask you questions and look for your responses in the chat/post section of FB Live or You Tube. For those that are dialing in to the conference line, we ask you to hold your questions until the end when we ask for questions. And in order to minimize background noise on the conference line, don’t forget to keep your line muted until you ask your questions.

As you read through the section of study each week, we suggest you use the following method to enhance your own reading:

- **Prayer.** Before you read and ask the Holy Spirit to give insight.
- **Observation.** Read the passage and make your observations. Take notes on what you see, and what you notice in the text.
• **Interpretation.** Ask questions of the text. What might this passage have meant to the original hearers? To the early church? What does it mean to me?

• **Correlation.** With what other scriptures does this passage correlate?

• **Application.** What must I do in response to what I have read? How do I apply the lessons of this passage?

If taken seriously, our study of John promises to be, as one member texted us, “engaging, enthusiastic, energetic, enlightening AND effective.”

We look forward to our journey through John with you!

Sincerely,

*Pastors Carl and Jeanne King*