

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Overview of the Gospel of John

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read John 1-7

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 1. Who was John, the author of this gospel?**
- 2. What do we know about John, the author of the gospel?**
- 3. How does John begin his book? What is the significance of this introduction?**
- 4. What does the prologue to the book of John (1:1-18) reveal about Jesus' identity?**

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5. **What is the purpose of the book of John (John 20:31)**

6. **Was the book of John written primarily for believers or nonbelievers? What evidence do you have for your answer?**

❖ **Day 2**

Read John 8-14

7. **John uses multiple reoccurring themes throughout his book. What are some of the most prominent themes?**

8. **What does the theme of blindness reveal in this book? Who is truly blind? (See chapter 9 especially 9:39)**

9. **Look at the following passages and examine the theme of being sent (John 1:6, 3:34, 5:37-38, 7:16, 14:26, 17:3-8, 17:18, 20:21) What significance do you see in these verses taken together?**

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10. It is generally accepted that there are three main sections in the book of John (Ch 1-12, 13-20, 21). What evidence can you see for this division?

11. How many signs/miracles are in the book of signs?

12. What are the major signs in the book of signs?

13. What do these signs communicate?

❖ Day 3

Read John 15-21

14. What are “I am statements” and how many are in the book of John?

15. What is the content of the I am statements?

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16. What do these I am statements communicate about Jesus?

17. How do the I am statements accomplish the purpose of the book found in John 20:31?

18. When do chapters 13-17 take place?

19. How does Jesus treat outcasts across the book of John? Why is this significant for this time especially? (See John 4:7-30)

20. Is Jesus in control and reigning even as he heads to his death? How do you know? (John 13:18-38)

In preparation for Sunday this week, pray ...

1. Praising God thanking him for sending Christ, the son of God, the one who gives eternal life.
2. Praising God for healing your spiritual blindness as he saved you from your sin.
3. Asking God for help to living our your calling as a “sent one” in his kingdom.
4. Asking God for opportunities to share the gospel so that others may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have life in his name