

JOHN

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STUDY GUIDE



At Grace Community Church we are committed to being **SHAPED BY SCRIPTURE** and equipped to **KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**.

These things are best served by engaging God's word directly ourselves, so we've developed this book to provide a plan for expanding your experience beyond simply listening to the Sunday morning sermon.

We endeavor to make the Word more accessible by providing you with support in engaging the text. Our prayer is that this tool will serve you well towards that end!

WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to complement whatever method you currently use for engaging with Scripture. It has been designed using tried-and-true methods to deepen your understanding of the biblical text. We've included the sermon schedule, pages for recording key insights and guided pages for deeper study.

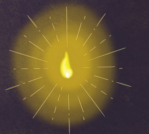
HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

During this John series we invite you to embrace a weekly rhythm of **PREPARE, LISTEN, REFLECT, ACT**. As we journey through the book of John, pay special attention to what is revealed about Jesus. We've included pages for you to fill in throughout the course of our study with insights about what John is telling us about who Jesus is and why that is important. Refer to these as you go along, adding information and insights as you come across them throughout the series. At the end of our series, you will have your own personal reference book to look back on in future studies or for your own personal edification.

PREPARE, LISTEN, REFLECT, ACT.

We present this weekly rhythm with various levels of time commitment in mind. LEVEL 1 is a 5-10 minute commitment, LEVEL 2 is a 15-30 minute commitment and LEVEL 3 is 30+ minute commitment each week.

Assess where you are at with your life stage, additional planned study and personal faith journey to choose the time and effort commitment that is realistic for you in this season of life. As you choose your level - keep in mind that growth doesn't happen by staying in our comfort zone so be encouraged to stretch yourself. Also, be honest about how much you can reasonably sustain as a weekly rhythm, graciously recognizing your current limitations.



What will I need to remove or adjust with how I spend my time to make room for this rhythm?

What is my plan to do so?

Visit Gracecomm.org/messages and click on the “Today’s Message” button. The outline for note taking will be added here each Sunday morning.

Action involves personal internal change (**Me**) and interacting with others (**We**). Those prompts are organized accordingly.

LEVEL 1

PREPARING for the message

Read/listen to the passage

LISTENING to the message

REFLECTING on the message

Fill out the main idea and main takeaway for the text (see pages 12–17 of this book)

ACTING on what I’ve learned

Me Identify one truth to allow your heart to soak in to help deepen your relationship with Jesus.

We Pray for someone who needs to hear the truth you have learned.

LEVEL 2

PREPARING for the message

Read/listen to the passage in 3 translations

LISTENING to the message

REFLECTING on the message

Produce a journal entry in which you draw or write out your response.

ACTING on what I’ve learned

Me Plan one tangible step you can take to incorporate one truth into your everyday thought, patterns, and/or lifestyle.

We Brainstorm how you share this truth in the way that you live and love with the people around you.

LEVEL 3

PREPARING for the message

Draw/sketch/write out your response to the questions below in a separate notebook, journal, etc..

1. What does this passage say?
2. What does this passage mean?
3. What do I learn about Jesus from this text?
4. What application from this text can I draw that will influence my real life? Or, put another way, how should I be different as a result of learning what I did from this text?
5. What new insight(s) have I gained about God, my faith, etc. as a result of studying this text?
6. What remaining questions do I have about the text, now that I have studied it? What resource(s) would be helpful to me in answering these questions?

LISTENING to the message

REFLECTING on the message

Answer Pastor Erik’s sermon questions alone or with others

ACTING on what I’ve learned

Prayerfully discuss these questions with God:

Me How do I feel about what I have learned? (e.g. challenged, encouraged, excited, motivated, etc.)?

How can I connect with God at a deeper relational level based on what I now know about Him?

Am I experiencing a struggle to reconcile what I feel with the truth I have learned?

What is preventing me from experiencing this truth in a way that changes/deepens my relationship with Jesus?

We Pray about one person to talk to about Jesus this week. Make a plan and watch for the opportunities to share what you have learned/experienced in this week’s text.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

WHO WROTE IT? The gospel of John was written by John, who is referred to in the text as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” During His ministry, three of Jesus’s twelve disciples comprised His inner circle—the ones with whom Jesus was closest and to whom He passed His most significant teachings and experiences. John was one of those three—not just an eye witness to the life of Christ, but one of Jesus’s very best friends.

WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN? There is general agreement among scholars that the Gospel of John was written toward the end of the 1st century (A.D. 80s or 90s), when John was a very old man. He had spent his lifetime ministering to others and witnessing to them about Jesus Christ. This Gospel represents his testimony of who Jesus was and what He did.

WHY WAS IT WRITTEN? Scholars point to two main motivations for the Gospel of John: evangelism and pastoral care. John himself tells us something of his motivation for writing when he says, “...these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). This clearly shows that bringing people to faith is a purpose for the book. The Gospel of John also speaks into significant issues facing the first-century church in Asia Minor, where he had been ministering for some years. In particular, John addresses some philosophical and theological schools of thought that twisted the Christian gospel message. In this way, the Gospel of John also represents a pastoral encouragement to hold tight to what is true regarding Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT? The Gospel of John is a theological biography. It documents the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the same time that it explains the spiritual significance of each. The major themes of the Gospel of John include Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s promises to his people, Jesus as the “lamb of God” sent to take away the sins of the world through His sacrificial death, and assertion of Jesus’s divine nature—showing that he is God.

SIGNS WHICH DEMONSTRATE JESUS IS GOD:

Turning Water into wine	John 2:1-11
Healing an official’s son	John 4:43-54
Healing a disabled man at a pool	John 5:1-15
Feeding 5000	John 6:1-14
Walking on Water	John 6:16-21
Healing a man born blind	John 9:1-12
Raising Lazarus	John 11:1-44
His Resurrection	John 20:1-31

OUTLINE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

1:1-18 Prologue

1:19-10:42 Jesus shows who He is by word and deed

11:1-12:50 Jesus shows and tells what He has come to do

13:1-20:31 Jesus shows who He is by the cross and in His exaltation

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John tells us in 20:30-32 that his purpose for writing his Gospel account is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” Use this space to document what the Gospel of John tells us to believe about Jesus and how we are to respond as a result.

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Who does the Gospel of John say Jesus is?

When he says “life,” John is almost always using a Greek word that means to be fully alive, particularly in a way that is only possible through the divine gift of life from God. This gift is only available by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Thus, what we do with what John is asking us to believe about Jesus is very important.

THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE

How is the Gospel of John asking us to respond to who Jesus is?



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Document here any miracles Jesus performs and what they reveal to us about His character.

Document here the “I Am” statements Jesus makes and what they mean about who He is.



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Each week we encourage you to record:

- ONE MAIN IDEA (*What is the text about?*)
- ONE MAIN TAKEAWAY (*What does God want me to do in response to what I have learned?*)

Week 1: Sept 17 - John 1:1-18

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 2: Sept 24 - John 1:19-51

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 3: Oct 1 - John 2:1-25

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 4: Oct 8 - John 3:1-21

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 5: Oct 15 - John 3:22-36

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway



Week 6: Oct 22 - John 4:1-54

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 7: Oct 29 - John 5:1-47

What's the main Idea of this text

What is my personal main takeaway

Week 8: Nov 5 - John 6:1-71

What's the main Idea of this text

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Week 9: Nov 19 - John 7:1-24

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Week 10: Dec 31 - John 7:25-53

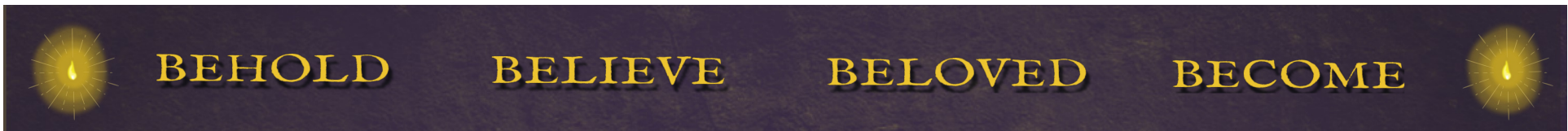
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Week 11: Jan 7 - John 8:1-11

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Week 12: Jan 14 - John 8:12-59

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Week 13: Jan 21 - John 9:1-41

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Week 14: Jan 28 - John 10:1-21

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Week 15: Feb 4 - John 10:22-42

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Week 16: Feb 11 - John 11:1-57

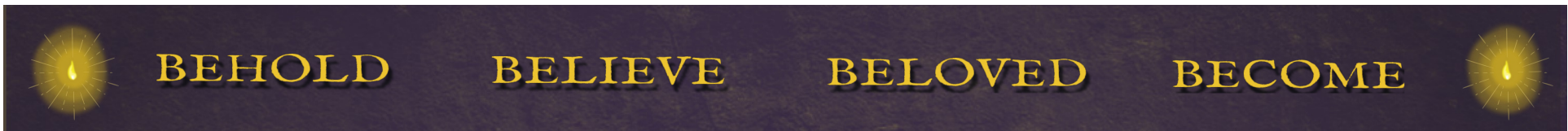
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Week 18: Feb 25 - John 12:12-36

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Week 19: Mar 3 - John 12:37-50

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Week 20: Mar 10 - John 13:1-38

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Week 21: Mar 17 - John 14:1-14

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Week 22: April 7 - John 14:15-31

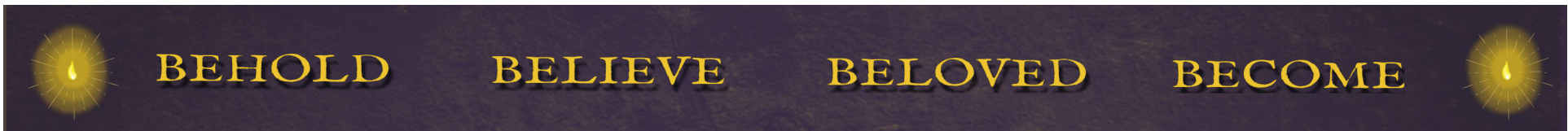
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Week 24: April 21 - John 16:1-33

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Week 25: April 28 - John 17:1-25

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Week 26: May 5 - John 18:1-40

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Week 27: May 12 - John 19:1-42

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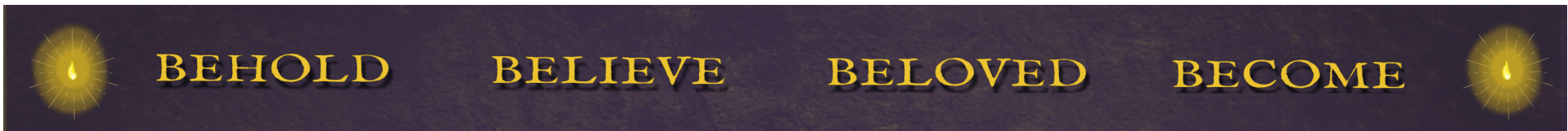
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Week 29: May 26 - John 21:1-25

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NOVEMBER:

Week 8: Nov 5 – John 6:1-71
NOV 12 – SPECIAL GUEST SERMON
Week 9: Nov 19 – John 7:1-24

ADVENT:

NOV 26 – DECEMBER 24

DECEMBER

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JANUARY:

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EASTER: MAR 31

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