

Daily Divine Bread

Gospel of John Study Guide

12-week chapter-by-chapter study with discussion questions

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Week 1: John 1 — The Word Became Flesh

Key Verse: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (1:1)

Study Questions:

1. What does "the Word" (Logos) reveal about Jesus' nature and identity?
2. How does John 1:14 describe the incarnation? What does "grace and truth" mean?
3. What is the significance of John the Baptist's testimony (vv. 19-34)?
4. How did the first disciples respond to Jesus? What can we learn from their example?

Application: How does knowing Jesus as the eternal Word change how you relate to Him?

Week 2: John 2-3 — New Birth & New Wine

Key Verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." (3:16)

Study Questions:

1. What does the wedding at Cana reveal about Jesus' authority and timing?
2. Why did Jesus clear the temple? What did He mean by "destroy this temple"?
3. What does it mean to be "born again" (3:3)? Why was Nicodemus confused?
4. How does the comparison of Moses' serpent (3:14) explain the cross?

Application: Have you experienced spiritual rebirth? How would you explain it?

Week 3: John 4-5 — Living Water & Healing

Key Verse: "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." (4:14)

Study Questions:

1. Why was it significant that Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman?
2. What does "living water" represent? How do we receive it today?
3. What does the healing at the pool of Bethesda teach about faith?
4. How does Jesus claim equality with the Father in chapter 5?

Application: What "wells" are you drinking from that leave you thirsty?

Week 4: John 6 — Bread of Life

Key Verse: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry." (6:35)

Study Questions:

1. What is the significance of the feeding of the 5,000?
2. Why did Jesus walk on water? What was He teaching the disciples?
3. What does Jesus mean by "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (6:53-56)?
4. Why did many disciples desert Jesus after this teaching?

Application: Is Jesus enough for you, or do you seek Him for what He gives?

Week 5: John 7-8 — Light of the World

Key Verse: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." (8:12)

Study Questions:

1. Why did Jesus' brothers not believe in Him (7:5)?
2. What does Jesus mean by "rivers of living water" (7:38)?
3. How does Jesus handle the woman caught in adultery? What principle emerges?
4. What does "the truth will set you free" (8:32) mean in context?

Application: Where do you need Jesus' light to expose truth in your life?

Week 6: John 9-10 — Good Shepherd

Key Verse: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (10:11)

Study Questions:

1. What does the healing of the blind man teach about spiritual blindness?
2. Why were the Pharisees threatened by this miracle?
3. What distinguishes a shepherd from a hired hand (10:12-13)?
4. What comfort does "no one can snatch them out of my hand" (10:28) give?

Application: How do you hear the Shepherd's voice in your daily life?

Week 7: John 11-12 — Resurrection & Life

Key Verse: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live." (11:25)

Study Questions:

1. Why did Jesus delay going to Lazarus? What was His purpose?
2. What does Martha's confession (11:27) reveal about her faith?
3. What is the significance of Mary's anointing of Jesus (12:1-8)?
4. How does the triumphal entry fulfill prophecy?

Application: Where do you need to trust God's timing even when He seems late?

Week 8: John 13-14 — The Upper Room

Key Verse: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(14:6)

Study Questions:

1. What does foot-washing teach about servant leadership?
2. What is the "new commandment" and how is it different from the old?
3. How does Jesus comfort His disciples about His departure (14:1-4)?
4. What role does the Holy Spirit ("Advocate") play (14:16-17, 26)?

Application: How are you serving others as Jesus served His disciples?

Week 9: John 15-16 — The Vine & the Spirit

Key Verse: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me you will bear much fruit." (15:5)

Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to "remain" (abide) in Christ practically?
2. What kind of fruit does abiding produce?
3. Why does the world hate believers (15:18-25)?
4. What does the Spirit of truth do for believers (16:8-15)?

Application: Evaluate your spiritual fruit. Where do you need deeper abiding?

Week 10-12: John 17-21 — Glory, Cross & Resurrection

Key Verse: "It is finished." (19:30)

Study Questions:

1. What does Jesus pray for in His high priestly prayer (ch. 17)?
2. How do the arrest and trial narratives reveal Jesus' sovereignty?
3. What is the significance of "It is finished"?
4. How does the resurrection transform the disciples?
5. What does Jesus' restoration of Peter (21:15-19) teach about grace?

Application: How does the completed work of Christ give you assurance today?