



The Gospel of John Study

By: The Field Church

Introduction

“Our mission is to help people joyfully make Jesus Christ their treasure.”

(Shaped from Matthew 13:44)

Treasuring Jesus is why we exist as the church, and it’s God’s number one priority for His children. The idea of treasuring may seem abstract and hard to apply without a clear definition. So, if treasuring Jesus is our number one priority, let’s begin this study by taking a minute to define exactly what we mean when we say “treasuring”.

“Treasuring” Defined: If someone or something is your “treasure”, then that person or thing is what you cherish the most, trust in for your identity, and place your hope in. What you treasure is what you spend most of your time on, seek out the most, serve, sacrifice for, spend money on, and speak to others about the most. A synonym for treasuring in the Bible is the word “worship”.

Treasuring (worshipping) is a very natural thing. All of us worship because that is how God designed our hearts. Some of us may treasure success, relationships, comfort, money, body image, fame... the list goes on. However, our sin has caused us to place our worship in the things that God created instead of in God Himself. Paul explains the problem with our treasuring (worship) in Romans 1:19-23:

“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

The goal here at The Field Church is not to teach you how to be a good Christian, but to help you put God in His proper place as your greatest treasure. We know and believe that when God is your greatest treasure, everything else falls into place and living for God is a delight.

In order to treasure someone, you first have to understand their value. That is why we have chosen to begin your discipleship journey by walking through the Gospel of John. John is described as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” He was essentially Jesus’ best friend and does a great job of revealing the heart of Jesus through his writing. The more you come into contact



with Jesus and see the heart of God through Him, the more you realize that the greatest thing He could ever give to his children is Himself.

Here is what we ask from you:

1. Be Faithful

- a. That old saying that you get out what you put in is true. We have designed this study to be user friendly. There are no trick questions, no expectation for you to have all the right answers, and it will only take about 20-30 minutes of your time each day. Just do your best and your discipler will be there to answer questions, guide you, and to help you to apply what you read.

2. Be Intentional

- a. Please do not take your time with God lightly or do this study to please us. We are here to guide you, but this is between you and God. I know that if you are intentional with God, you will discover the hope and freedom that comes with knowing Him.

3. Be Teachable

- a. We have all been saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ so there is no room for pride in the church. We are all learning together so we commit to being humble, teachable leaders and we ask the same from you in return.

I know that if you are Faithful, Intentional, & Teachable (**F.I.T.**), you will begin to put God in his rightful place as your greatest treasure and experience the freedom that is promised in Christ Jesus!

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1)

Getting Started:

In order to see our mission (Matthew 13:44) become a reality as a church, and in our individual lives, we must be focused on the following four things:

- ⊗ **Deeply Treasuring** (Jesus)
- ♥ **Genuinely Loving** (each other)
- ⇒ **Actively Reaching** (people in our "worlds")
- + **Passionately Equipping** (the saints)

Throughout this study and other studies to come, we want to intentionally focus on these four principles while walking through Scripture. In order to do this, we have assigned a



symbol for each of these principles (as shown above) that we will use to mark questions that we are intentionally asking to help you grow in these areas.

We have set this study up to give you a Bible reading plan for six days a week. The seventh day is reserved for Sunday when you will hear a message and Scripture through Sunday worship at church. Each day will have a section of Scripture to read with corresponding questions. Please set aside about 20-30 minutes a day to get quiet with God. Try and find a place where you won't be distracted. I suggest opening your time with prayer, and ask God to reveal Himself to you through his Word. Then, spend about 15 minutes reading and answering the questions before again closing your time in prayer. If you are unsure of what Bible translation to use, we have provided a list below of reliable translations that are both easy to read and understand.

Each week will also have other homework assignments and exercises that will help you to apply God's Word to your life. These assignments will be designed to build in you the disciplines of grace as you learn to walk with God.

Suggested Bible Translations for You to Use Are:

- *English Standard Version (ESV)**
- *New Living Translation (NLT)**
- *New International Version (NIV)**



Week 1

Day 1:

Read: John 1:1-5

- ❖ Note: Jesus is the “Word” that John is referring to.
- 1. What claims are being made about Jesus in the first three verses?
 - a. Does He have the same authority as God?
- 2. If Jesus is equal to God, how does that shape your confidence in Him?
- 3. Read Ephesians 2:1-3, what causes the darkness in us?
 - a. What does walking in darkness look like practically for us on a daily basis?
- 4. In your own words, what does it mean for the light of Jesus to be in us? What will that do to the darkness that lives in us?
- 5. If you are in Jesus, what hope does that give you?
 - a. How can the light of Jesus change your perspective on your life?
 - i. What are some of the things in your life that you want Jesus to change in you?

Assignment: Make a list of things that you want God to change in your life.

Day 2:

Read: John 1:6-18

1. The John that verse 6 is referring to is John the Baptist. We will learn more about him in the days and weeks to come. Why did God send John? Why do you think people needed someone to witness to them about Jesus?
 - a. Does God want the world to know about Jesus? What does that tell you about God’s heart for the world?
2. In your own words, what does it mean that God gave those who believed in Him status as His children?
 - a. Does being God’s child affect your perspective of yourself and the world around you?
3. How would you define grace? How has God shown you grace?



4. Does God want you to know Him? Why or why not?
 - a. Can we know what God is like?

Day 3:

Read: John 1:19-28

1. What was John doing that was getting the attention of the Pharisees?
 - a. What did baptism represent to the Pharisees?
2. What was John the Baptist's purpose?
 - ⇒ Why was it so important that John point people to Jesus?
3. What does 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 teach about our role as Christ followers?
4. John was an ambassador who directed people to find their hope in Jesus. Why was that such an honor for John? How did he feel about Jesus?
 - a. How do you feel about Jesus? Why do you want people to know about Jesus? What are some ways you can begin to point your friends, co-workers, family, etc. to Jesus?

Day 4:

Read: John 1:29-34

1. We continue today looking at the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus. Why did John call him the "Lamb of God"?
 - a. Read: Exodus 12:21-28
 - i. Why was the blood of the lamb important?
 - ii. How does understanding Jesus as "The Lamb" shape your view of Jesus and the love God has for you?
2. In verse 33, we see John say the phrase, "He who sent me". John is speaking about God the Father. God the Father calls Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit descends on Him. In verses 33-34 of John we see the Trinity. This means God is three in one - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They are all equal in authority but different in roles.

So, practically speaking, God came down in the form of His Son and became the Lamb that takes away our sin.

3. How does this show you God's heart for you? Why would God send Himself for you and me?
 - a. How do these truths grow your heart for God?



Day 5:

Read: John 1:35-42

1. Why were Andrew and Simon/Peter so eager to find the Messiah?
2. How would you describe your need for Jesus?
3. How does your need shape your pursuit of Jesus?
 - a. What does your pursuit of Jesus look like on a daily basis?
4. How did Jesus respond to the disciples who pursued Him?
 - a. What comfort does that bring you in your pursuit of Jesus?

Day 6:

Read: John 1:43-51

1. When Jesus told Nathanael, "I saw you", what was He revealing about Himself?
2. If Jesus is able to know Nathanael in a personal and supernatural way, does He have the same power to know you in an intimate way?
 - a. Since Jesus knows you deeply, how does that help you become more honest and vulnerable with God? How about with yourself?
3. Read: Genesis 28:10-16
 - a. Verse 51 references Jacob's dream when Jesus tells the disciples that the angels will ascend and descend on the Son of Man. Jesus is the fulfillment of the ladder that God showed Jacob in his dream. He is trying to tell the disciples and us that **He** is the way to God. He is not just **a** son of man like the other prophets, but He is **the** "Son of Man."
 - i. When you meditate on this truth, how does it shape your belief about salvation? How does it grow your faith?