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The Gospel of John

Weekly Passage Breakdowns for Journaling

John's Gospel provides an explicit purpose statement: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." To accomplish this purpose, John paints a beautiful picture of Jesus' divinity through his miracles, his "I am" statements, and rich themes of light, life, truth and love. John does so much more than present historical facts; he invites us to open our souls to the glory of Jesus.

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13. I Am Jesus reveals his divine identity.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:12-20	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:21-30	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:31-47	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:48-59
14. Sight for the Blind Physical sight becomes a metaphor for spiritual vision.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 9:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> John 9:13-34	<input type="checkbox"/> John 9:35-38	<input type="checkbox"/> John 9:39-41
15. The Good Shepherd Jesus knows, leads, and lays down His life for his sheep.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10:11-21	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10:22-30	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10:31-42
16. The Resurrection and the Life The raising of Lazarus — the ultimate sign before the cross.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:17-27	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:28-37	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:38-44
17. Better for One Man to Die As Jesus' popularity grows, Caiaphas prophesies Jesus' sacrificial death.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:45-48	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:49-52	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:53-54	<input type="checkbox"/> John 11:55-57
18. Costly Devotion Jesus anointed by Mary in Bethany. Jesus is worth our costly, sacrificial devotion.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:9-11
19. Dying to Live Following Jesus means following him through death into life.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:20-26	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:27-30	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:31-33	<input type="checkbox"/> John 12:34-36
20. Love One Another Jesus washes feet and commands love as the mark of discipleship.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:6-11	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-read John 13:1-17
21. Betrayal, Denial, and Love Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, contrasted with the call to love.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:18-21	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:22-30	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:31-35	<input type="checkbox"/> John 13:36-38
22. The Way, The Truth, and The Life Jesus claims to be the one Way to enter the Father's house.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:4-7	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:8-11	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:12-14
23. Promise of the Holy Spirit Jesus promises "another advocate" to be with believers.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:15-17	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:18-21	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:22-26	<input type="checkbox"/> John 14:27-31
24. The True Vine Abiding in Christ — fruitfulness through communion with Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:14-17
25. In this World You'll Have Trouble Strength and joy in the face of opposition.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15:18-27	<input type="checkbox"/> John 16:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> John 16:16-24	<input type="checkbox"/> John 16:25-33
26. The High Priestly Prayer Jesus intercedes for His followers.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 17:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> John 17:6-19	<input type="checkbox"/> John 17:20-23	<input type="checkbox"/> John 17:24-26

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Personal Devotional Time

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Abide & Obey

What is God's Word telling me, and what will I do in response?

Instructions: Use the SOAPS format to journal on the provided passage:

S – Scripture

Write the verse(s) that stood out.

O – Observations

What is happening? Who is speaking? Any repeated words?

A – Application

What is God calling you to do or change as a result of what you just read?

P – Prayer

Write a short prayer in response to the passage.

S – Share

Who in my life needs to hear this? How can I share with them? Record any results.

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SOAPS Sermon Guide for Small Groups

S – Scripture • O – Observations • A – Application • P – Prayer • S – Share

SOAPS is a simple, powerful way to engage with Scripture. Journaling helps us to slow down so that we can hear from God. As we go through the Gospel of John, we encourage you to use the provided weekly passages to reflect upon, journal, and apply. We'll weave in new additions throughout the series.

During your small group meetings, everyone will have an opportunity to share from their journals how they heard God speak through the weekly passages. Not only will this help you grow personally, your group will also grow spiritually and in practical obedience to Jesus, as you share and help hold one another accountable.

Personal Devotional Time

Use SOAPS to engage with Scripture.

FIRST: Pray and ask God to speak to you as you spend time in His Word.

<i>Letter</i>	<i>What it Means</i>	<i>Guiding Questions</i>
S <i>Scripture</i>	Read the passage, slowly and repeat as often as needed. Write out the verse(s) that stand out.	Which verse(s) is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you this week?
O Observation	Note what is happening in the passage.	Who is speaking or acting? What is happening? Are there any repeated words or phrases?
A <i>Application</i>	Ask how this applies to your life.	What will I do with what I just read? How should it change my attitudes, words, or actions this week? Keep it simple, specific, and do-able.
P <i>Prayer</i>	Write a short, simple prayer about what you just read and your application. Ask God for the grace and power to live it out.	Praise, ask, confess, or thank God. Ask God for the grace and power to live it out.
S <i>Share</i>	Pray for opportunities to share the message God gave you – it could be a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor – anyone!	Who in my life needs to hear this message?

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Small Group Instructions

Using SOAPS in your Group

Always open with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you read and hear with fresh eyes and open hearts.

1. Accountability (10-15 mins)

As you begin, choose **1 question** listed below, and invite everyone to share. If space allows, you can consider breaking into smaller groups of the same gender (groups of 3 or so). Remind the group: this is **NOT about judgement – these questions are asked in LOVE**, to help us “abide & obey,” as Jesus asks.

1. How did you live out what God showed you last week? What helped or hindered you?
2. What temptations have you encountered and how were you delivered?
3. How has the Holy Spirit been testing and growing you this week?

2. Scripture (5 mins)

Read the passage together, out loud. Invite the group to listen for what stands out.

3. Sharing (30 mins)

Invite group members to share a journal entry from the passage that was just read. They would include the verse(s) that the Holy Spirit highlighted; their observations; application; and prayer. They can also share if they had opportunities to share with others during the week, and any results in doing so.

4. Repeat until everyone has had the opportunity to share.

5. Prayer + Action (15 mins)

Devote the remaining time of your group to praying for the lost. Encourage each group member to name one person and spend time praying for their salvation, their needs, and opportunities to witness to them.

ASK: What is one small step you can take toward this person this week?

- Send a text?
- Invite to coffee?
- Offer prayer?
- Share something God showed you?

Encourage group members to write the name(s) in their journal and track what God does over time.