

January: The Gospel and Letters of John

Date	Text	Question
1	John 1	Andrew found his brother and introduced him to Jesus (1:41-42). Pray about one person you would like to lead to Christ.
2	John 2	Jesus zeal made him passionate and bold (2:17). Our society discourages that kind of religious fervor. How have you allowed the world's expectations keep you from having zeal like Jesus?
3	John 3	John the Baptizer was willing to let his own personal success and fame diminish for the sake of exalting the name of Jesus (3:29-30). List three things you can do today to increase the fame and influence of Jesus.
4	John 4	Many of the Samaritans believed because of the personal testimony of the woman (4:39). Write a short personal testimony of your relationship with Jesus. Commit to sharing that with at least one person over the next week.
5	John 5	"Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you," Jesus warned (5:14). Forecast your future. What can and will likely happen if you allow a particular sin to remain in your life?
6	John 6:1-40	Over the roar of the waves, Jesus said, "It is I; do not be afraid" (6:20). Stop right now and pray for the circumstances causing you anxiety.
7	John 6:41-71	While the crowds were leaving Peter articulated why the disciples would continue to follow (6:67-68). Complete the following sentence and share your answer with your pod: I follow Jesus, because...
8	John 7:1-24	Jesus was condemned for violating the Law by those who did not know its spirit and purpose (7:21-24). What is one area in which you have seen Christians rush to judgement even though the Scripture was not violated?
9	John 7:25-53	Nicodemus is criticized for defending Jesus (7:50-52). Don't let the fear of criticism silence you. Share a word about Jesus with at least one person today.
10	John 8:1-30	The accusers dropped their stones and their judgement when they considered their own sin (8:7-9). List five of your sins that allow you to have more compassion for the sins of others.
11	John 8:31-59	Jesus distinguished between the children of God and the sons of Satan by their actions (8:41). What is one thing you can do today to do the works of God your Father? (See Matthew 5:44-45)
12	John 9	The Pharisees could not give an honest assessment of themselves (9:39-41). What beliefs do you hold about yourself that keeps you from seeing your faults?
13	John 10	Sheep know the voice of their shepherd just as disciples know the voice of Jesus: they hear and follow (10:4, 27). You have been participating in a daily reading because you value Jesus' voice. Give an assessment of this program and your participation in it. Share your answer with your pod.
14	John 11	Both Martha and Mary express disappointment Jesus did not intervene sooner (11:21, 32), but Jesus had a better plan (11:14-15). How does this comfort you with a prayer that seems to have gone unanswered?
15	John 12	Judas discouraged Mary's act of kindness (12:4-6). Instead, encourage and celebrate someone else today for their act of service.

16	John 13	After an act of humble service, Jesus commands, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (13:14, 34). Perform one special act of humble service to show Jesus' love to others today.
17	John 14	Jesus said those who truly love him have and keep his commandments (14:21). What will you do today because you truly love Jesus?
18	John 15	We are to be like fruit bearing branches, connected to the life source (15:4), and reproducing it in visible ways (15:5). What would you do today if you were to reproduce the character of God in a visible way?
19	John 16	Jesus' warning is saturated with predictions of persecution, yet he says, "I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace" (16:33). What about Jesus message gives you peace in difficult circumstances?
20	John 17	"In the world, but not of the world," is the description of the Christian life that derives from this text (17:15-16). How will you be "in the world" today? What will be the greatest temptation for you to be "of the world" today?
21	John 18	Peter is bold one minute (18:10) and scared the next (18:15-18, 25-27). Both fail to display Christ (18:11, 17). Are you more tempted to misrepresent Christ by boldness or fear?
22	John 19	Jesus implored John to care for his mother, Mary, after his death (19:25-27). Collaborate with your Pod. What can you do as a group to care for someone who is hurting?
23	John 20	Thomas was skeptical, but his doubt led him to have even more profound faith. He was the first to declare Jesus to be God (20:28). How have you seen a season of doubt strengthen someone's faith?
24	John 21	After receiving the prophetic word from Jesus that he would glorify God through prison and death (21:19), Peter turns to John and asks, "Lord, what about this man?" (21:21). Against whom have you recently been tempted to compare your Christian walk?
25	1 John 1:1-2:6	John writes concerning those whose words do not match their actions that they are lying (1:6; 2:4), deceive themselves (1:8), and make God a liar (1:10). Concerning what have you found it difficult to even be honest with yourself?
26	1 John 2:7-27	The defining quality of those who in the light is love for the brothers (2:10). Perform a special act of love for someone in your pod today.
27	1 John 2:28-3:24	Hopeful living must be righteous living (3:3). What is one thing you can do today to "purify" yourself for the hope of Jesus' return?
28	1 John 4	"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear," John writes (4:18). List your specific fears that can be quieted by God's love.
29	1 John 5	Much of John's letter was written to given confidence to Christians of their relationship with God. He writes "that you may know you have eternal life" (5:13). Share with someone the things that are keeping you from being confident in eternal life.
30	2 John	John would much rather see the brethren face to face than write a letter. If your schedule permits, visit a member of our church this week. If not, call instead.
31	3 John	John encourages the church to support the ministries of fellow workers (1:8). Send a letter or message of encouragement to one of the four preachers supported by our church.