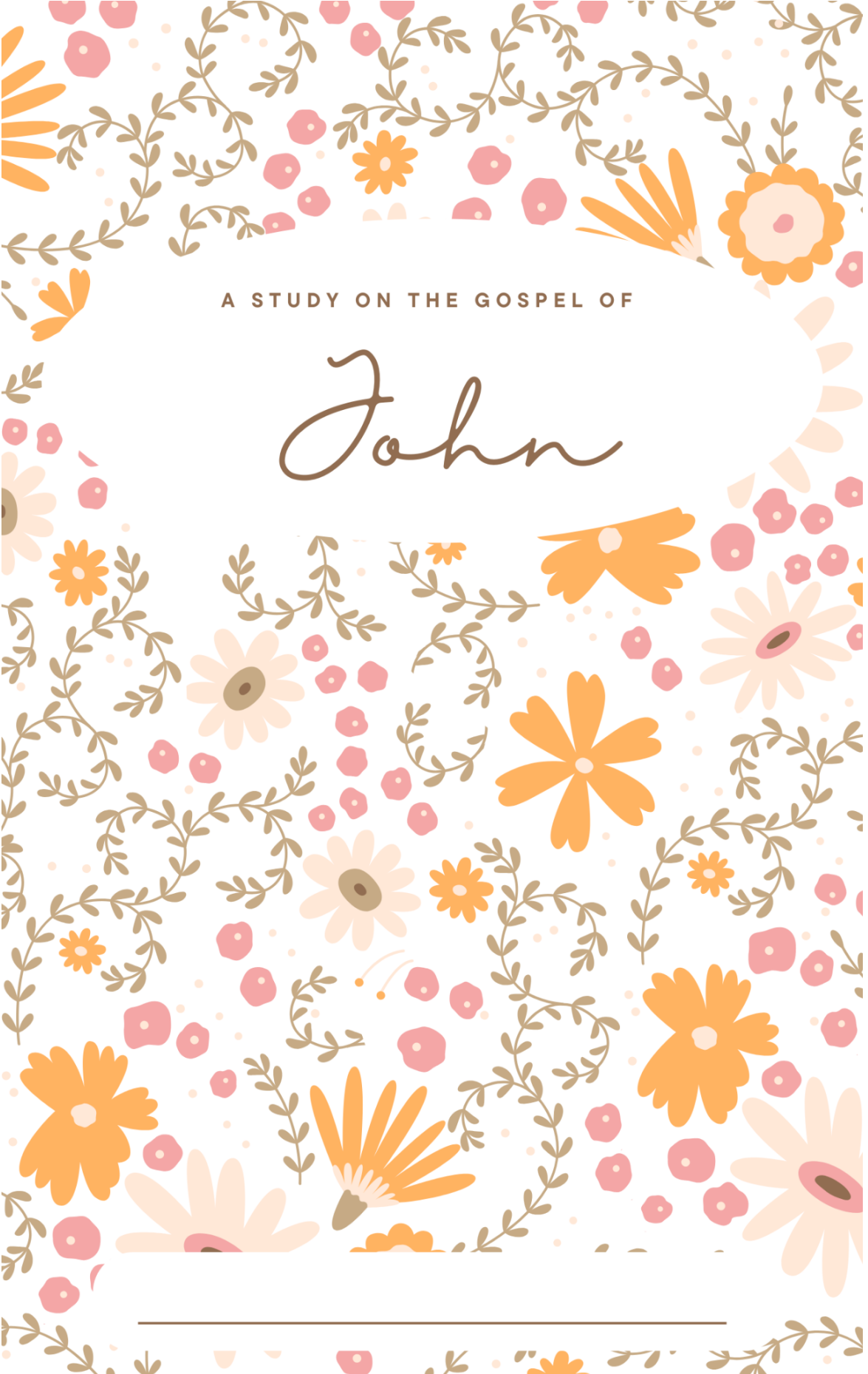




A STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF

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Resources

Bible Study Method

Reminder that this is just ONE way to study your bible. There is no right way!

Tip #1: Whenever you are sitting down to read your bible, start with prayer.

Tip#2: As you read, ask yourself:

- How does this relate to the gospel?
- What does this teach me about God?

Tip #3: Understand context (the where/who/when/why of the passage). Use tools like study bibles, Blue Letter Bible, the Bible Project, Google, etc., to research the context before you begin reading, especially at the beginning of studying a new book.

Tip#4: Break down bigger books/chapters into smaller chunks. As you read each passage/section, ask yourself two questions:

- What stands out to me?
- Is there anything confusing?
 - *When you get to something confusing, you can write down your question and wait to see if it gets answered later in the passage, look it up on Google, or use a bible commentary to help.*

Tip#5: After you've zoomed into smaller sections/chunks, make sure to zoom back out to the whole book/chapter. Look for the overarching message or theme. Were there any major patterns or repeated ideas?

Tip #6: Always end each bible study time by asking yourself what that section or chapter teaches you about God. Remember, knowing HIM better is the purpose for studying our bible.

Tip#7: You can take what you learned about God in this passage and take it a step further to an application. Consider how God's character shown in this reading should change how you view yourself or others. Is there any action you need to take in light of this reading?

Verse Mapping

Steps to Verse Mapping

1. Pick a verse or short passage
2. Read what comes before and follows to give yourself context
 - Still consider who wrote it, to whom, and why/when it was written
3. Read multiple translations of the verse

- Pick the one that resonates with you the most or is the easiest to understand
- 4. Write out the verse/passage
- 5. Read over your verse and highlight/circle/underline:
 - Any repeated words or phrases
 - Any words that would be good to look up or define
 - Any confusing portions that you have questions about
- 6. Look over all of your notations:
 - Do you see any patterns or trends?
 - Look up/research any confusing parts
 - Bonus: look up cross-references, which are other verses/passages that relate to the one you chose in theme or topic. You can use the Bible App, Blue Letter Bible, or just Google "related verses."
- 7. Reread everything you've written and considered, and create your own interpretation:
 - What does this verse mean to you?
 - What does it teach you about God?
- 8. Consider applications to your life from this verse
- 9. Pray

Spiritual Disciplines

Spiritual Discipline	Key Verse	Why	How (Practical Tip)
<u>Bible Reading & Study</u> - regularly reading and reflecting on God's Word.	Psalms 119:105 (all of Psalm 119 is about the Word of God).	It reveals who God is and who He says you are.	Read something in your bible daily!
<u>Prayer</u> - talking with God	Philippians 4:6-7	It builds intimacy with God and strengthens trust.	Keep a prayer journal, set reminders on your phone, or pick a specific time of day to pray for 5 minutes.
<u>Worship</u> - expressing love and awe to God through music, praise/thanksgiving, obedience, or daily life.	Romans 12:1	It shifts our focus from ourselves to God and reminds us who He is.	Sing a worship song or make a list of all the things you are grateful to God for.
<u>Silence & Solitude</u> - setting aside time to be alone with God, without distractions.	Mark 1:35	It creates space to hear from God and rest in His presence.	Put your phone in another room and just sit alone with God for 5 minutes. Just breathe, pray, or reflect.

<u>Fasting</u> - Giving something up (traditionally food) to focus more on God.	Matthew 4:1-2 and Ezra 8:23	It reminds us that our deepest need is God. Biblically, it was done in times when people needed to repent from sin, were at a big crossroads/change, or needed help from God to make a decision.	Fasting from food or abstaining from something else (i.e., Social Media) to focus on prayer or time with God is a great way to begin this practice.
<u>Confession</u> - Admitting your sins to God (and others) and receiving forgiveness/encouragement.	1 John 1:9 and James 5:16	It frees you from guilt and begins the healing process. Ultimately, what is hidden cannot be healed.	Confess as part of your daily prayer. Ask a friend to be an accountability buddy over an area of sin in your life.
<u>Fellowship/Community</u> - Spending time with other Christians	Hebrews 10:24-25	We were designed to be in community, not isolation. We need others to uplift us and remind us of the truth.	Have a text thread with other believers throughout the week. Meet up at church events or as a group.
<u>Serving</u> - Using your God-given talents/abilities to aid others and the Kingdom of God.	Mark 10:45	It takes your eyes off yourself and back onto God and others. Also, it reflects God's love to those around you.	Find a place to serve at church or serve your family at home without being asked.
<u>Giving/Generosity</u> - giving money, time, or resources to others as an act of gratitude and worship.	1 John 3:16-18	It grows our trust in God and combats selfishness.	Give a portion of your earnings to the church or a charity God places on your heart. Give your time to serve at church or in your community.
<u>Sabbath/Rest</u> - Taking time to stop work/busyness and enjoy God's presence.	Mark 2:23-28	It grows our trust in God and grounds us in the truth that our identity is not in our performance.	Make a list of the things that fill your mind or cause you stress. Make a plan to intentionally rest from those for an hour a week in a way that connects you to God.

<u>Biblical Meditation</u> - Filling your mind with the truths of God or about God.	Psalm 1:1-3	It helps us move from head knowledge to heart knowledge.	From your bible study, pick one verse, phrase, or truth to ponder and think on for the rest of the day/week.
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Study of John

How to Use this Study

1. Pray before you read: "God, help me understand Your Word and see You more clearly."
2. Read the chapter(s) slowly. You can read all the chapters in one day, or one chapter a day, or any combination that feels best to you!
3. Think about what you notice — don't worry if you don't understand everything right away.
4. Write down your thoughts using the reflection questions for each chapter.
5. Close with a short prayer, thanking God for what He's shown you.
6. Optional: Use the verse mapping space to map out the verse that stood out to you the most from that week's chapter(s).

Reflection Questions

- What stands out to me? (Something encouraging, surprising, or that caught my attention)
- What is confusing to me? (Questions, words, or events I'd like to understand better)
- What does this teach me about God? (His character, love, truth, or plan)
- Application: Because of what I read, how will I think, act, or feel differently this week?

Week 1: John Chapter 1 + Intro

Set an intention for your study of the book of John. What do you hope to get out of this study?

Write a purpose statement for why you want to study the bible.

John Chapter 1

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: John Chapters 2-4

John Chapter 2

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 3

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 4

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 2-4 Verse Mapping Space

Week 3: John Chapters 5-7

John Chapter 5

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 6

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 7

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 5-7 Verse Mapping Space

Week 4: John Chapters 8-10

John Chapter 8

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 9

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 10

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 8-10 Verse Mapping Space

Week 5: John Chapters 11-13

John Chapter 11

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 12

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 13

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 11-13 Verse Mapping Space

Week 6: John Chapters 14-16

John Chapter 14

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 15

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 16

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 14-16 Verse Mapping Space

Week 7: John Chapters 17-19

John Chapter 17

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 18

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 19

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 17-19 Verse Mapping Space

Week 8: John Chapters 20-21 + Closing

John Chapter 20

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapter 21

What stands out to me:

What is confusing to me:

What does this teach me about God:

Application:

Prayer:

John Chapters 20-21 Verse Mapping Space

What did you learn about God from your study of the book of John?

What did you learn about yourself from your study of the book of John?

What is your biggest takeaway from your study of the book of the John?

Verse Mapping Space for your favorite verse from John:

Notes/Thoughts/Things to Remember

