

Becoming

SHARE YOUR STORY ALL FOR HIS GLORY



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I came that they may have life
and have it abundantly. ”

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This journal is for your personal use to take notes during our Monday night sessions and to record your thoughts and prayers as you read through the book of John.



We pray that God will draw you to Himself and you will be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. We pray that whether you are new to your relationship with God or are well-seasoned on your journey, you will grow in your understanding of the fullness and depths of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. We pray you will begin to understand and experience the fullness of his joy and grace as you are in the process of becoming all that He has created you to be. He is at work among us and is able to do immeasurably more than anything you could ever ask or imagine and we praise Him for that truth! (Prayer based on Ephesians 3:16-21)

Personal Study

THE BOOK OF JOHN

We believe that Scripture is breathed out by God and is useful for showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes and training us to live God's way. Through the reading of Scripture, we are made complete, shaped and equipped for what God has called us to (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The most exciting truth is that the Word of God is alive and powerful! It is able to cut through everything: our doubts and defenses, our questions and fears. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires (Hebrews 4:12).

Because Scripture has the potential to do such exciting things in our lives, we are challenging you to read along with us through the book of John. Don't be afraid to take it slow, and don't be afraid to read the same passage multiple times. Don't be afraid to simply start if you've never done anything like this before. To help you get the most from your reading, here are some steps to follow:

(1) Prayer: Start with closing your eyes and focusing your mind's attention to the moment you are in. Open your hands as a symbol of being receptive to what God might have for you and offer a simple prayer, "God, speak to me through your Word. I open my heart to hear from you."

(2) Read: You have a whole month to get through a few chapters. Read a verse or read several. Only read as much as you can take in today.

(3) Journal: Record your thoughts and response to your reading. Questions that can prompt your journaling are:

(a) What STUCK OUT most to you? This could be something new or a reminder of something you've forgotten.

(b) Did any QUESTIONS come to mind? Pray and ask God about it. If it lingers, talk about it with someone you trust and respect or in your Becoming Small Group.

(c) What are you learning about JESUS in this passage? This could be something that helped

you to better understand the person or actions of Jesus. It's something that stirs you to feel more connected and love him more.

(d) What's the ACTION STEP? This is the personal application part... Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to do in response to what you have read. (For example, this might be naming something new God is teaching you, conviction to stop doing something you are doing, correcting some wrong thinking or behavior, or specifically naming a new practice/behavior you can pursue in order to live more effectively for Jesus.) Make it specific enough that you can do it this week, and make it personal enough that you yourself can do it (and not expect it from someone else).

(4) Share: Talk about what you're reading and learning with someone. This could be a small group of women or even a close friend. Sharing what you're reading will help you work through questions and provide an encouraging source of motivation and accountability. Talk out loud about the steps are you taking toward doing something different or trying something new. Ask those ladies to follow up with you about how it's going. As you read and journal you may even think through the name of someone who might benefit from hearing what you've seen in the Bible, someone who is not-yet a Christ-follower. Think about ways you can share the joy, peace and conviction you've been given by God with others.

READING PLAN

January	John 1-5
February	John 6-10
March	John 11-16
April	John 17-21
May	Celebration of all your reading and God's abundance at LNO.

JOHN 16 NOTES



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