

## **Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:**

### **Week 1**

Begin with introductions and answer the following question:

It's Friday night after a terribly busy week, how do you spend it?

*\*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.*

**Read John 20:30-31** (Suggestion: Best answer to opening question gets to read!)

#### **From this text:**

What is John's purpose in writing this book?

Where are you personally with this?

#### **Read John 1:1-18**

##### **From this text:**

How is Jesus described?

Why do you think John begins his gospel with this description of Jesus?

Where does this description of Jesus evoke in you wonder, worship, thanksgiving, or curiosity?

#### **Read John 1:14 again**

What do you learn about the Word from John 1:14 in John 1:1-3?

If someone suggested that Jesus was the product of conception between God and Mary, how might you lovingly correct him? How would you use John 1:1-3 to explain yourself?

Why did the Son of God put on flesh and become a man?

#### **Read John 1:19-34**

How does John the Baptist describe himself and how does he describe Jesus?

What do you learn from John the Baptist about speaking of Jesus with humility and boldness?

Think of someone you will likely interact with today. How can you point them toward Jesus?

#### **Read John 1:35-51**

Where do you see seeking and finding in these encounters?

Why do you think these men follow Jesus despite knowing so little about him?

What is your response when Jesus says to you, "come and see"? What is one way you can say yes to following him today?

Take some time to pray for one another and optionally close with the **John 1 prayer** on back.

#### **Prayer:**

Eternal God, You and Your Son were in the beginning, together with the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in You, the Triune God of Creation. We thank You for Your Word of truth through the prophets, now recorded for us in the Scriptures. We receive Your Son this day. We believe in the name of the One who is full of grace and truth, who became flesh and dwelt among men for our salvation. Your Son is now at Your right hand in glory. We thank You for this great Messiah. Announced by the prophets, Jesus the Christ is our Savior and Lord. Teach us to follow the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of people near and far. He is full of the Spirit, and He has sent forth the Spirit. We seek You, Lord Jesus Christ. O Father, grant to us a holy regard for Your great Son. Cause us to stand on this Cornerstone of Your church. He is good and kind. He is wise and full of truth, for He is the God at Your right hand. He has made the way to heaven for us! It is in His name we pray, amen.