

John study

This study focuses on the very most important issue in your life. The only thing you'll need is a Bible. Not only can you do it yourself, but you can easily lead others—a friend, or even a small group. It involves reading one or two chapters of John at a time and thinking through two simple but profound questions: 1) Who was Jesus, and 2) what do I need to do about it?

The meeting

Beginning with John 1, read one or two chapters.

Everyone needs their own Bible (have extras on hand). Someone reads while others listen... maybe take turns. As you begin reading, remember to be looking for answers to these two questions 1) Who was Jesus, and 2) What do I need to do about it?

After reading, ask the first question: "According to what we just read, who was Jesus?"

Keep answers limited to what has just been read. What do the verses in this specific chapter say about Jesus? Which verses? Consider each one if necessary. What does it teach us about Jesus?

The second question (don't forget to ask!) is "What do I need to do about it?"

This is the application. Be specific—how should this affect my life today—my attitudes, actions, friendships, priorities, response to Christ, etc.?

Notes:

- You can easily read all of John (21 chapters) in less than two hours.
- Three chapters per week would take seven weeks, but it's usually too much to discuss at once. One or two chapters is usually about right.
- One unique thing about John's gospel is his stated purpose for writing it (John 20:30-31).