

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 1:1-34

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What is your full name?
2. What is your nickname? Where did nicknames come from?
3. Have you ever been embarrassed by mistaking a stranger for an acquaintance? What happened?

Getting us into Scripture

4. Why does the Gospel begin “In the beginning” rather than at Jesus’ birth?
5. What facts about “the Word” can you find in verses 1-5? Verses 10-18?
6. What is John the Baptist’s role as a witness?
7. Who or what fails to comprehend the light (vv. 5, 10-11)? Why?
8. From the image of “receiving” someone (v. 12), how would you explain what faith is about? What is the result of this type of faith?
9. How would someone “full of grace and truth” treat others?
10. From this passage, how can a person come to know God?
11. What questions do the priests and Levites ask John? What do these questions reveal about the reason why they were sent?
12. Why does John respond so abruptly? What would you have said in his situation?
13. What is John’s purpose in life (vv. 22-23, 26-27; also Isaiah 40:3-5)?
14. How does John finally answer their question about his baptism (vv. 30-31)? What does he mean by calling Jesus the “Lamb of God” (v. 29; see Exodus 12:1-13; Isaiah 53:7) and the “Son of God” (v. 34)? What proof supports these claims (Psalm 2:7)?

Getting Scripture into us

15. Are you keeping Jesus at the door? In certain rooms? Why? Or have you given him the keys?
16. What does John’s emphasis on the pre-existent creative Christ mean to you?
17. Who “made straight the way for the Lord” in your life?
18. How could you incorporate the submissive, sacrificial lifestyle of the Lamb of God into your own life?
19. Of the titles for Jesus given so far (the Word, the Light, the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Son of God), which means the most to you? Why?
20. What does baptism mean to you? What about baptism with the Holy Spirit?