

**Introduction: Critical questions to consider**

1. Why study this book now?

2. Why was it written initially?

- External circumstances – 90 A.D.
- Internal explanation

John 20:30-31

3. What parallel exists today?

- External circumstances – Pluralism
- Internal explanation – Spiritual erosion

4. How do we discover the “real Jesus” today?

**1<sup>st</sup> Century**

Truth  
Delivered  
90 A.D.

Historical Context  
Author's Intent Then  
Revelation



**21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Truth  
Discerned  
Current

Today's Context  
Author's Intent Now  
Illumination

## Studying the Gospel of John Together

**1<sup>st</sup> – Three questions to ask whenever you study God’s Word:**

1. What does it say? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does it mean to me? \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Read the passage \_\_\_\_\_ to get the “Big Picture,” or general idea:**

- Verses 1 – 18: Introduces the Word’s origin, identity, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Verses 19 – 28: Reveals John the Baptist’s identity and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Verses 29 – 34: John the Baptist reveals Jesus’ mission and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Verses 35 – 51: Introduces us to Jesus’ first 5 disciples.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Make specific \_\_\_\_\_ about one section of the chapter at a time:**

i.e. The “Logos” section:

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| • The Word was before time began        | John 1:1  |
| • The Word is God and was with God      | John 1:1  |
| • The Word created everything           | John 1:3  |
| • The Word is the source of life        | John 1:4  |
| • This life is the light of all mankind | John 1:4  |
| • The Word is Jesus                     | John 1:14 |
| • Jesus reveals what God is like        | John 1:18 |

**4<sup>th</sup> – Play spiritual “Jeopardy” with the text to clarify what \_\_\_\_\_ questions  
God’s truth is answering:**

1. Who exactly are you and where did you come from?

Answer: John 1:1 – 5

2. Not to be disrespectful, but can anyone corroborate your story: these fantastic claims?

Answer: John 1: 6 – 9

3. When you look back on your earthly ministry, what was your greatest disappointment? Your greatest joy?

Answer: John 1: 10 – 13

4. Why did you choose to come to earth the way you did? What was your purpose or mission?

Answer: John 1: 14 – 18

5<sup>th</sup> – \_\_\_\_\_ the implications and application of this truth to your personal life, circumstance, and relationships. Ask...

- What did I learn?
- What difference does it make?
- How will I “by faith” apply this to my life today, this week?
- Who might help me? Who might God want me to help?