

INTRODUCTION

THE TRUE STORY

SERMON NOTES

→ Why was John NECESSARY?

- John's culture LACKED a SHARED UNDERSTANDING of who Jesus really was (Acts 18:24-25)
- John wrote to CONVINCE UNBELIEVERS and ENCOURAGE BELIEVERS (Jn 20:31-32)

→ What makes John UNIQUE?

- 7 SIGNS
- 7 DISCOURSES
- 7 "I AM" STATEMENTS
- Emphasis on ETERNAL LIFE

→ Can we TRUST John?

- John was an EYEWITNESS (Jn 21:24)
- John's gospel was complete between 65 and 95 AD

READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 1:1-18	Jn 1:19-28	Jn 1:29-34	Jn 1:35-51	Jn 2:1-11

STUDY GUIDE/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where did you first learn about Jesus? What did you learn about him?
2. In Acts 18:24-25, we learn that some of the teachers in John's city of Ephesus lacked a full understanding of who Jesus was. What are some ways that our culture misunderstands the person of Jesus?
3. Review John 20:31-32. Why does John say he wrote his biography of Jesus?
4. Review: Name at least two features that make John's gospel unique.
5. A friend tells you that they believe in Jesus, but that they think that the stories about him are mostly myth and legend. How would you respond?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Use these questions to spark dialogue with friends, family, or neighbors.

- Do you believe that Jesus had a positive impact on the world? In what ways?
- Is it possible to really know what Jesus said and taught? Why or why not?
- What do you want your kids to know about Jesus?