

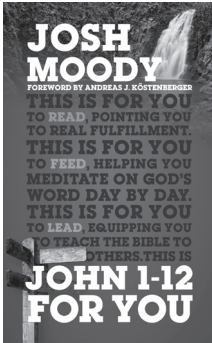
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John 1–12

Life to the Full



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Introduction

One of the Bible writers described God's word as "a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105, NIV). God gave us the Bible to tell us about who he is and what he wants for us. He speaks through it by his Spirit and lights our way through life.

That means that we need to look carefully at the Bible and uncover its meaning—but we also need to apply what we've discovered to our lives.

Good Book Guides are designed to help you do just that. The sessions in this book are interactive and easy to lead. They're perfect for use in groups or for personal study.

Let's take a look at what is included in each session.

Talkabout: Every session starts with an ice-breaker question, designed to get people talking around a subject that links to the Bible study.

Investigate: These questions help you explore what the passage is about.

Apply: These questions are designed to get you thinking practically: what does this Bible teaching mean for you and your church?

Explore More: These optional sections help you to go deeper or to explore another part of the Bible which connects with the main passage.

Getting Personal: These sections are a chance for personal reflection. Some groups may feel comfortable discussing these, but you may prefer to look at them quietly as individuals instead—or leave them out.

Pray: Here, you're invited to pray in the light of the truths and challenges you've seen in the study.

Each session is also designed to be easily split into two! Watch out for the **Apply** section that comes halfway through, and stop there if you haven't got time to do the whole thing in one go.

In the back of the book, you'll find a **Leader's Guide**, which provides helpful notes on every question, along with everything else that group leaders need in order to facilitate a great session and help the group uncover the riches of God's light-giving word.

Why Study John 1 – 12?

John's Gospel is an invitation to you to find life.

The standard view of the structure of John's Gospel sees John 20:30-31 as the apostle John's definitive statement as to his purpose for writing this book:

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

The “signs” that we will see in this Good Book Guide are for a particular purpose: that we may “believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing [we] may have life in his name.”

The key word in some ways is not so much “believe” but “life.” John's Gospel is about showing us how to have “life ... to the full” (10:10)—fullness of life or life in abundance—in Jesus' name. The discourse with the woman at the well in John chapter 4 illustrates this theme, as Jesus promises her that...

“whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (4:13-14)

The eight studies in this Good Book Guide will, I pray, not simply give you a deeper understanding of the text, nor a list of practical to-do's by way of application; rather, I hope they will enable you to encounter more and more deeply Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It is as you do so that you will find in him *life*—in all the ramifications that John's Gospel intends.



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Meeting the Word

John 1:1 - 2:12

Talkabout

1. If you asked 100 people on the street, "Why did Jesus come to earth 2,000 years ago?", what kinds of answers would you get?

- What about if you asked the same question of people in your church?

Investigate

 Read John 20:30-31

DICTIONARY

Signs (v 30): miracles.

Messiah (v 31): the all-powerful,

eternal King promised throughout the Old Testament.

2. Why did John write his Gospel?

- Read 4:13-14; 10:10. What is the “eternal life” like that belief in Jesus offers?

Read John 1:1-18

DICTIONARY

The Word (v 1): God the Son, Jesus Christ.

His own (v 11): the Jewish people.

Glory (v 14): God’s awesome presence.

3. What do we learn about the Word?

- What is the Word’s relationship with God?

Getting Personal | OPTIONAL

Which single verse from this section will you memorize and call to mind throughout each day to remind you of who God is and who you are?

 **Read John 1:19-36**

DICTIONARY

Testimony (v 19): evidence.

Elijah (v 21): an important Old Testament prophet.

The Prophet (v 21): In the Old Testament God promised to raise up a prophet greater than Moses (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Hebrews 3:5-6).

4. What does John (not the Gospel writer!), who “came as a witness” (v 7), tell us about Jesus in these verses?

- How does John show remarkable humility in this section?

Apply

5. How do you think these verses should make us feel about Jesus Christ?

6. John’s message can be summed up as *Not me but him*. What would it look like for us to live that way in our lives?

Investigate

 Read John 1:37-51

DICTIONARY

Son of Man (v 51): Jesus often used this title to refer to himself (see Daniel 7:13-14).

7. Who do Andrew and Philip realize Jesus is?

8. What is one of the first things that they both do next?

Getting Personal | OPTIONAL

Andrew is less well known to posterity than Simon (or, as he is usually called, Peter), but without Andrew's ministry of bringing, there would not have been Peter's ministry of preaching. If we do not have Andrews, then, under God's providence, we are unlikely to have Peters. You may not be a Peter, but you can be an Andrew.

How might you invite someone to come and see Jesus this week?

9. What does Jesus promise Nathanael (v 50-51)?

Explore More | OPTIONAL

Read Genesis 28:10-17

- What did Jacob (who was later renamed Israel, 35:10) see in his dream (28:12)?
- What did he realize was the significance of the dream (v 16-17)?

Reread John 1:51

- According to Jesus, where is this place where heaven touches earth—where we find a stairway to heaven?

Read John 2:1-12

10. What is the purpose of Jesus' miracle here (v 11)?

- What is the right response to it?

11. What do you think the choice of event and the type and amount of wine produced are meant to tell us about Jesus and life with him?

Apply

12. If someone researching Jesus Christ spent a week looking at your life, would they get a picture of the one you follow that is similar to the picture of Jesus that John has given us here?

- How can we use the truths of 1:1 – 2:12 to change our lives in order to reflect better the light that gives life?

Pray

Thank God...

- *that the Word became flesh.*
- *that the Word became flesh so that you could know the Father.*
- *that the Word became flesh to bring life in abundance.*

Ask God...

- *to enable you to live with a "Not me but him" attitude.*
- *to fill you with awe and excitement as you read about the Word in John's Gospel.*
- *to give you a deep and joyful confidence in the power and goodness of the one who turns water into wine.*