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The Gospel of John

Weekly Passage Breakdowns for Journaling

John's Gospel provides an explicit purpose statement: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." To accomplish this purpose, John paints a beautiful picture of Jesus' divinity through his miracles, his "I am" statements, and rich themes of light, life, truth and love. John does so much more than present historical facts; he invites us to open our souls to the glory of Jesus.

Title	Weekly Passage Breakdowns for Journaling			
1. The Word Became Flesh The eternal Word enters our world — God made knowable in Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:6-14	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:15-18	
2. Behold the Lamb of God John the Baptist's identity, testimony, and humility.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:19-28	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:29-34	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:22-36	
3. Come and See The first disciples encounter Jesus — a personal call to follow.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:35-39	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:40-42	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:43-51	
4. Water into Wine The first sign reveals His glory and the joy of new creation	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:9-12	
5. Cleaning House Jesus cleanses the temple — revealing His authority and mission.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:13-18	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:19-22	<input type="checkbox"/> John 2:23-25	
6. Born Again Jesus and Nicodemus — new birth through the Spirit, not religion.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:9-18	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:19-21
7. The Woman at the Well Jesus meets us in our thirst and transforms us.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 4:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> John 4:7-15	<input type="checkbox"/> John 4:16-26	<input type="checkbox"/> John 4:27-42
8. Do You Want to Get Well? Jesus heals at Bethesda and confronts unbelief.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5:10-15	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5:16-23	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5:24-30
9. Loaves and Fishes Jesus provides for many.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:5-9	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:10-13	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:14
10. Bread of Life The true Bread and the hard call to discipleship.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:25-40	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:41-51	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:52-59	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6:60-71
11. Invitation to the Thirsty Jesus calls out at the feast — the thirst-quenching Spirit for all who believe.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7:14-24	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7:25-36	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7:37-52
12. Judgment and Grace Grace and truth meet in the woman caught in adultery.	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> John 8:7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-read John 8:1-11	

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Personal Devotional Time

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Draw Near

What is one simple step I can today to draw near to Jesus?

Instructions: Use the SOAPS format to journal on the provided passage:

S – Scripture

Write the verse(s) that stood out.

O – Observations

What is happening? Who is speaking? Any repeated words?

A – Application

What is God calling you to do or change as a result of what you just read?

P – Prayer

Write a short prayer in response to the passage.

S – Share

Who in my life needs to hear this? How can I share with them? Record any results.

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SOAPS Sermon Guide for Small Groups

S – Scripture • O – Observations • A – Application • P – Prayer • S – Share

SOAPS is a simple, powerful way to engage with Scripture. Journaling helps us to slow down so that we can hear from God. As we go through the Gospel of John, we encourage you to use the provided weekly passages to reflect upon, journal, and apply. We'll weave in new additions throughout the series.

During your small group meetings, everyone will have an opportunity to share from their journals how they heard God speak through the weekly passages. Not only will this help you grow personally, your group will also grow spiritually and in practical obedience to Jesus, as you share and help hold one another accountable.

Personal Devotional Time

Use SOAPS to engage with Scripture.

FIRST: Pray and ask God to speak to you as you spend time in His Word.

<i>Letter</i>	<i>What it Means</i>	<i>Guiding Questions</i>
S <i>Scripture</i>	Read the passage, slowly and repeat as often as needed. Write out the verse(s) that stand out.	Which verse(s) is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you this week?
O Observation	Note what is happening in the passage.	Who is speaking or acting? What is happening? Are there any repeated words or phrases?
A <i>Application</i>	Ask how this applies to your life.	What will I do with what I just read? How should it change my attitudes, words, or actions this week? Keep it simple, specific, and do-able.
P <i>Prayer</i>	Write a short, simple prayer about what you just read and your application. Ask God for the grace and power to live it out.	Praise, ask, confess, or thank God. Ask God for the grace and power to live it out.
S <i>Share</i>	Pray for opportunities to share the message God gave you – it could be a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor – anyone!	Who in my life needs to hear this message?

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Small Group Instructions

Using SOAPS in your Group

Always open with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you read and hear with fresh eyes and open hearts.

1. Scripture (5 mins)

Read the passage together, out loud. Invite the group to listen for what stands out.

2. Sharing (30 mins)

Invite group members to share a journal entry from the passage that was just read. They would include the verse(s) that the Holy Spirit highlighted; their observations; application; and prayer. They can also share if they had opportunities to share with others during the week, and any results in doing so.

3. Repeat until everyone has had the opportunity to share.

4. Prayer (15 mins)

Devote the remaining time of your group to praying for the lost. Encourage each group member to name one person and spend time praying for their salvation, their needs, and opportunities to witness to them.