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A Journey through the Gospel of John

Theology of John's Gospel

The word came from heaven to accomplish His work on earth so that we who are on earth can have a home in heaven

"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." ~John 20:31

Gospel of John Ch. 1: "The Word Became Flesh"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together in your name.

Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.

We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.

Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.

We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 1:1-51

1) Read Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1. What similarities do you note between the verses? What do you think is the first point John wanted his readers to understand?

2) Although the entire nation of Israel did not accept Jesus as the Messiah, there were some who did receive Him. What does John say these people received (see verses 12-13)?

3) John the Baptist announces the arrival of Jesus' ministry by calling Him the Lamb of God (verse 29). Do you think the Jews understood what that title meant? Why?

4) What compelled Andrew to begin following Christ? How did he convince his brother, Simon (known as Peter), to also become one of Jesus' disciples (see verses 35-42)?

5) Nathanael was skeptical that the promised Messiah would come out of Nazareth. After all, the town was never mentioned once in the Old Testament, and it was best known for housing Roman soldiers. How did Philip respond to Nathanael's skepticism? How did Jesus show Nathanael that something good could come from Nazareth (see verses 46-49)?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us. May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace, The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.