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# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on St John

## **Welcome to your study on the book of St John**

This is the first study guide produced by Peoples Christian Fellowship (PCF) in relation to the Discipleship Framework. Within this document you will find a daily reading plan. Committing to this is a very important part of your biblical study and will help you in gaining wisdom and understanding of God's word. PCF Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a great place to receive teaching on different aspects of the book as we all learn together. Your discipler will also be studying with you and will challenge you to search the depths of God's word.

## **Individual Study**

Your reading plan is very important; it will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. We suggest that you spend a short time in prayer before and after studying; asking God to open your heart to His truth. By studying His word you will increase your faith, arm yourself for the challenges ahead and gain knowledge and understanding of Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may confidently witness to others. **Everybody** should follow the daily study plan.

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Spending time in corporate prayer is necessary for your Spiritual development. As part of the shift to develop the discipleship framework, the prayer meeting bible study section will follow alongside the discipleship study plan. Prayer meeting will be a great opportunity for you to receive comprehensive teaching on a number of key themes found in John's Gospel.

## **Discipleship Meetings**

The Christian walk is not merely an experiential moment of spiritual enlightenment, but a journey toward maturation, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The Church 'is one', purposed for the building up of the saints in preparation for works of service and it is identified by its unity with Christ and its unity amongst its members (John 17:21). The basic philosophy of the discipleship framework is:

A community of believers growing in Christ who are accountable and involved in one another's lives.

The framework promotes a level of accountability in relation to the exercise of spiritual disciplines and a degree of involvement which supports wholesome and fruitful relationships. Through the framework the gifts of all believers can be mobilised to advance the kingdom of God.

### **The study below should be used only as a rough guide.**

During the study section of the meeting disciplers and disciple's should work through the study questions together discussing any revelations, opinions, issues or thoughts that may arise. You do not have to be a bible scholar to conduct or participate in the bible study. If difficult question arise, these should be noted and brought to the church leadership.

Below is a rough guide formatting a typical disciple meeting.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Open in Prayer</b>	Spend a short time in prayer, asking God to be in the midst of your meeting.
<b>Reflection</b>	You may want to start with some general reflection on how the week has been. Do not try to force information out. The amount of information should be determined by the disciplee
<b>Study</b>	The whole church will be studying the same book at the same time. In this section you could start by reflecting on what you have studied in the previous meeting, any homework and/or revelations. Follow the study guide and try to complete as much as you can.
<b>Reflection</b>	Recap learning and ask if there are specific areas of intended application. Please also share your areas of intended application. Ensure you set a task to be completed by the next meeting.
<b>Pray</b>	Ask your disciplee if there are any areas of life they would like you to pray about. Please also remember your community within your prayers. You could also ask your disciplee to pray.
<b>Encourage</b>	Before you meet prepare an encouragement for your disciplee. It must be specific. (Preferably scripture based).

# Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on the Book of John

Prayer Meeting study duration: 4 weeks    Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 2 Hours    Start Date: 13/04/09    End Date: 10/05/09

Discipleship study duration: 4 weeks    Total Discipleship reading time: 6 hours (15mins a day)

Week and Date	Chapter	Prayer meeting Bible Study	Discipleship Reading Plan	Discipleship Study Questions
<p><b>Week 1</b>            Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 09            –            Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April 09</p>	1 – 4	<p><b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Word (1:1 -5)</li> <li>• The light of the World in the world (1:6-14)</li> <li>• John’ s testimony and witness (1:15-34)</li> <li>• Calling of the first disciples (1:35-51)</li> <li>• The first sign (2:1-12)</li> <li>• The Son’s temple body (2:13- 25)</li> </ul>	Mon - 1:1-14 Tue - 1:15-34 Wed - 1: 35-51 Thur - 2:1-12 Fri - 2:13-25 Sat - Reflection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is John saying about Jesus by calling Him the Word? (Do some research into the term, ‘WORD’)</li> <li>2. How does v.5 help you to understand who Jesus is?</li> <li>3. How do John’s claims about Jesus set Jesus apart from what Buddhists believe about the Buddha or what Muslims believe about Mohammed?</li> <li>4. According to 1:14-18, what specific aspects of God’s character are revealed to us through Jesus?</li> <li>5. Imagine that you were a wedding guest, what would your reaction be to this miracle (2:1-12)</li> <li>6. Read 2:12-25. How does John’s picture of Jesus fit with today concept of Him? (15-16)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Week 2</b>            Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr 09            -            Sun 26<sup>th</sup> April 09</p>	1 – 4	<p><b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicodemus’ questions (3:1-13)</li> <li>• Eternal Life and the Son (3:14-21)</li> <li>• John the Baptist last testimony (3:22-36)</li> <li>• True water (4:1-18)</li> <li>• True worship (4:19-26)</li> <li>• True witness (4:27-42)</li> <li>• Second sign (4:42-54)</li> </ul>	Mon - 3:1-13 Tue - 3:14-21 Wed - 3:22-36 Thur - 4:1-26 Fri - 4:27-42 Sat - 4:43-54	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From clues in the text, how would you describe Nicodemus as a person?</li> <li>2. In what ways is the Spirit of God like the wind?</li> <li>3. What impresses you about God in verses 3:16-17</li> <li>4. What are some of the ways in which you can demonstrate Jesus’ superiority over all that you are and all that you own?</li> </ol>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 3</b>  Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Apr 09  -  Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May 09</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 – 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The third sign (5:1-15)</li> <li>• The Father, the Son and the Witness (5:16-47)</li> <li>• The fourth sign (6:1-14)</li> <li>• The fifth sign (6:15-24)</li> <li>• Questions 1-8 (6:25-71)</li> <li>• The Feast of Tabernacles (7:1-53)</li> <li>• The woman not condemned (8:1-11)</li> </ul>	<p>Mon - 5:1-15  Tue - 5:16-47  Wed - 6:1-24  Thur - 6:25-71  Fri - 7:1-53  Sat - 8:1-20</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is revealed about the relationship between the Father and the Son (5:19-23)</li> <li>2. Why is our response to Jesus a matter of life and death? (5:24-30)</li> <li>3. Jesus claimed to be the bread of life; do you think His hearers understood Him? How does this impact you?</li> <li>4. How would you counsel a believer who was facing spiritual opposition from his family? (7:1-10)</li> <li>5. How do you feel when someone exposes a sin or failure in your life? (8:1-11)</li> <li>6. What does this teach us about forgiveness and acceptance?</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 4</b>  Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  -  Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 – 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus testifies (8:12-30)</li> <li>• The Lord above Abraham (8:31-59)</li> <li>• Jesus and the man born blind, sixth sign (9:1-41)</li> <li>• The first and second parable (10:1-30)</li> <li>• The Deity of the Son (10:31-42)</li> <li>• Lazarus (11:1-37)</li> <li>• Seventh sign</li> </ul>	<p>Mon - 8:21-30  Tue - 8:31-59  Wed - 9:1-41  Thur - 10:1-42  Fri - 11:1-57  Sat - 12:1-50</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus declares that those who do not believe that He is the one will die in their sins. How should we communicate this in the culture we live in? (8:23-24)</li> <li>2. Read John 9:1-41 what is your reflection on the different responses? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Pharisees (v.13-17)</li> <li>b. His Parents (v. 18-23)</li> <li>c. Of the man himself (v.24-34)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What causes you to believe in Jesus? (10:37-39)</li> <li>4. What are your reflections on Jesus' love for Lazarus and His deliberate delay in helping him (11:4-5, 15)</li> </ol>