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# Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on St John

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

This is the second study guide produced by People 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 the 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 a vital ingredient 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; identified by its unity with Christ and 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 disciplees 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. Difficult questions that may arise 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 what you have learnt 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 their life they would like you like to pray for/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: 11/05/09 End Date: 07/06/09

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>Week 1</p> <p>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May 09</p> <p>–</p> <p>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 09</p>	13 - 14	<p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Son-to be Called Lord (13:1 -17)</li> <li>• The Son-to be Betrayed (13:18-30))</li> <li>• The Son-to be Glorified (13:31-35)</li> <li>• The Son-to be Denied (13:36-38)</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 13:1-17</p> <p>Tue - 13:18-30</p> <p>Wed - 13: 31-35</p> <p>Thur - 13:36-38</p> <p>Fri - Read ch 13</p> <p>Sat - Reflection</p> <p>(In your Reflection make notes on the key points within the chapter)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus displayed the characteristics of a servant even in his position of ultimate authority. How does this impact on how you display leadership at work? (13:1-17)</li> <li>2. Would you wash Judas’ feet? Identify one person in your life that you need to serve, even though they do not have your best interests at heart. (13:18-30). Evidently the disciples did not know who was going to betray Jesus. What does this tell you about how Jesus treated Judas throughout the years?</li> <li>3. What was ‘new’ about this command? (13:31-35)</li> <li>4. What do you think was the motivation behind Peter’s declaration? (13:36-38)</li> </ol>
<p>Week 2</p> <p>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May 09</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 09</p>		<p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Father’s house on high (14:1-4)</li> <li>• The question of Thomas (14:5-7)</li> <li>• The statement of Philip (14:8-21)</li> <li>• The question of Judas (14:22-31)</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 14:1-4</p> <p>Tue - 14:5-7</p> <p>Wed - 14:8-21</p> <p>Thur - 14:22-31</p> <p>Fri - Read ch 14</p> <p>Sat - Reflection</p> <p>(In your Reflection make notes on the key points within the chapter)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not let your hearts be troubled. How does this impact your faith? (14:1-4)</li> <li>2. How would you answer someone who thinks there are many ways to God? (14:5-7)</li> <li>3. What does the title Counsellor tell you about the Holy Spirit’s ministry? Look up the word ‘Counsellor’ in the dictionary. (14:8-21)</li> <li>4. How does Jesus’ peace differ from the peace offered by the world? What words of Jesus in this passage are most significant to you personally? (14:22-31)</li> </ol>

<p>Week 3</p> <p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 09</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 09</p>	<p>15 – 16</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The true Vine: It's branches and its fruit (15:1-8)</li> <li>• Love, the first fruit of the Spirit in the believer (15:9-16)</li> <li>• Hate, the fruit of the flesh in the unbeliever (15:17-25)</li> <li>• The Spirit testifies (15:26-27)</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 15:1-8</p> <p>Tue - 15:9-16</p> <p>Wed - 15:17-25</p> <p>Thur - 15:26-27</p> <p>Fri - Read ch 15</p> <p>Sat - Reflection</p> <p>(In your Reflection make notes on the key points within the chapter)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What does it mean to remain in Christ? (15:1-8)</li> <li>2. What are the requirements and benefits of friendship with Jesus? (15:9-17)</li> <li>3. What reason does Jesus give for the world's hatred? (15:17-25)</li> <li>4. Who did you testify to yesterday? (15:26-27)</li> </ol>
<p>Week 4</p> <p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</p> <p>-</p> <p>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</p>		<p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 09</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspects of Persecution (16:1-4)</li> <li>• The Work of the Holy Spirit (16:5-15)</li> <li>• The Lord's statement regarding His death and resurrection (16:16-22)</li> <li>• Prayer in His name to the Father (16:23-33)</li> </ul>	<p>Mon- 16:1-4</p> <p>Tue - 16:5-15</p> <p>Wed - 16:16-22</p> <p>Thur - 16:23-33</p> <p>Fri - Read ch 16</p> <p>Sat - Reflection</p> <p>(In your Reflection make notes on the key points within the chapter)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How are we, in the UK persecuted for our faith? (16:1-4)</li> <li>2. How does the Spirit guide us into God's truth and bring glory to Jesus today? (16:5-15)</li> <li>3. Jesus answers their question not by giving them an explanation but by making them a promise. What is the promise (16:16-22)</li> <li>4. Which of the promise in this chapter has made the deepest impression on you? (16)</li> </ol>