

Northwest Valley Young Life

Club Talk Helper Gospel of John

The gospel of John is the last of the four written. It is likely written in 85-90 AD. The author is John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. He was one of the closest to Jesus throughout his ministry. This information tells us that John has a unique and in depth perspective with the accounts in his gospel. As you read John's Gospel, you see that often he explains Jewish terminology, tradition and geography - which shows that more than likely he was writing to a non Jewish community.

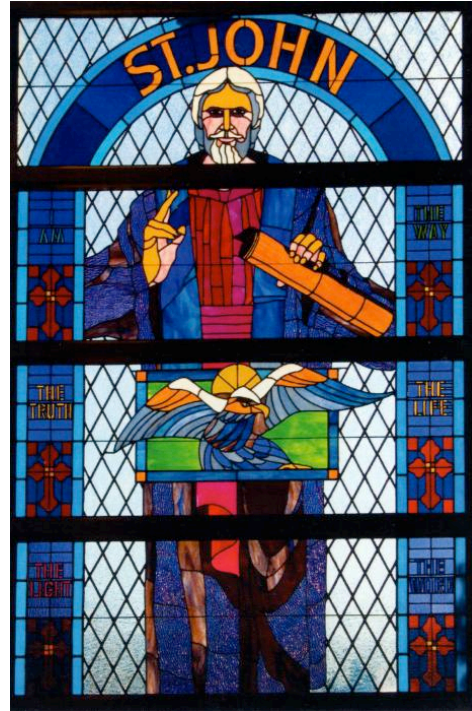
John, who was a good friend of Jesus, who knew him well, was writing details of his life and mission to folks who didn't know much about him. Sounds a little bit to me, like a Young Life leader. John, the first Young Life leader - has a nice ring to it.

As you compare the text of the other Gospels to John's, you notice that some stories and themes are different. This is likely because John wrote his Gospel away from the others. John, one of Jesus' best friends, had a special interest in the way he organized and wrote his Gospel. He was trying to communicate the wonders and mysteries of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to those who had no knowledge of why this was important. Again, the Gospel of John is a wonderful place for Young Life leaders to display the truth of Jesus Christ.

In John 14:6, Jesus declares "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." As you get ready to share the truth of Jesus with kids in our area - some who want nothing to do with Jesus - remember that in love we get the privilege to share with "lost family" the way to get home. Each week, we get to share the truth that Jesus Christ moved into our neighborhood to declare love and freedom for those who are lost. As you do this, know that God is with you and has put you in the position you are *just for this season in time*. Follow in the footsteps of John, the first Young Life leader - share truth in love and with boldness.

This guide was created to be a helpful resource for club messages for Northwest Valley Young Life and WyldLife for Spring 2012.

Within Young Life, we aim to share the entire Gospel message in every club each semester. Each club should follow the talks in bold, but is not required to use these suggested texts. There will be more weeks on here than are in the spring. Plan to use 10-12 talks this semester including, the **Incarnation, 5-7 Person of Christ - showing the character of Jesus, Sin, Cross, Resurrection and Following Christ.**



Wk 1	John 1	Incarnation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Word became flesh 1:1-18, esp. 1:14 • The first disciples 1:35-46, esp. "Follow me" (1:43), and "Come and see" (1:46) as introductions to consider Jesus
Wk 2	John 2	Person of Christ (Miracle Worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus changes water to wine; 2:1-11
Wk 3	John 3	Person of Christ (changing lives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus and Nicodemus, 3:1-21, esp. 3:16 and 3:17 • For campaigners 3:30 also
Wk 4	John 4	Person of Christ (best friend)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woman at the Well; John 4:4-26 • Woman leaves to tell others – Jesus makes us want others to know; John 4:39-42
Wk 5	John 5	Person of Christ (healing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus heals at the pool 5:1-15, esp. 8-9
Wk 6	John 6	Person of Christ (powerful)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus feeds 5000; John 6:5-14 • Jesus feeding 5000 is applicable to looking at what He can do with our lives if we are willing to offer what we can to Him – He took little and made MUCH
Wk 7	John 8	Person of Christ (compassion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus has compassion on a woman <i>caught</i> in the act of Sin ; John 8:3-11 • Great opportunity for leader to share how they mess up too – kids often put us on pedestals we should never want to be on – be vulnerable and show how you are human



Wk 8	John 9	Person of Christ (healing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus heals a man born blind (9:1-41), esp. 5-11 • See also 9:25, 36-38
Wk 9	John 11	Person of Christ (power over death)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death and raising Lazarus from the dead 11:1-44 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Death 11:1-16 ◦ Jesus the resurrection 11:25-26 ◦ Lazarus raised 11:38-44
Wk 10	John 14	Person of Christ (Jesus teaching on God the Father)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 14:1-4, 6, 9b • Jesus is EXCLUSIVE. It is important that at some point we communicate that w/o Jesus we lost. He is the ONLY way to get to God. Story of being lost and finding the only way to go is appropriate here.
Wk 11	John 13	Person of Christ and/or (Need) Sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus washes the disciples feet 13:1-17, esp 13:8. For campaigners 9:15-17 • Sin: Judas betraying Jesus 13:18-30, esp 21 • Sin: Peter's denial 13:31-38, esp. 37-38
Wk 12	John 15	Sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vine and the branches 15:1-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sin: 15:2, 6 ◦ God's heart to be connected 15:5, 8, 13 <p>For campaigners 15:14-17</p>
Wk 13	John 17/19	Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer in the garden: 17:11a, add 24 • Jesus sentenced and crucifixion: 19:1-42, esp 19:30
Wk 14	John 20	Resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The empty tomb 20:1-9 • Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene 20:10-18, esp 16a • Jesus appears to the disciples 20:19-23, esp 20 • Jesus appears to doubting Thomas 20:24-30, esp 28-29
Wk 15	John 21	Following Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The miraculous catch, Jn 21:1-14, esp 8-9, 12 • Jesus reinstates Peter, Jn 21:15-25, esp 15-17