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Student Workbook

YEAR 3

**The Gospel
of John**

**Jesus
– Son of God**

Bible Readings

John 1 to 5



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate Jesus' origin
- Observe Jesus interacting with Jewish culture and traditions
- Know the origin of the phrase "born again"

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question Who exactly is this Jesus?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

How do you think the media use the phrase “born again Christian”?

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: John 1:1-5, John 3:1-17

John is the 4th gospel and is different from the previous three. They are often referred to as the ‘Synoptic Gospels’ [which means they describe events in Christ’s life from a similar point of view]. They portray mainly what Jesus did and how he taught. John moves beyond the obvious facts of Jesus life to deeper and more profound meanings.

Take the first verse: “in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God”. That single verse could be discussed and studied for a considerable time. John goes on to explain that the Word is in fact Jesus.

It creates an immediate flashback, for example, to Genesis when God says “Let Us make man in **Our** image” (Genesis 1 : 26)

In chapter 3 we read the story of Jesus and Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council. Not only does the interaction have Jesus using the phrase ‘born again’ but the most well memorised Bible verse – John 3:16. Often this is one of the first verses learnt by new Christians. It explains the complete gospel message in such few words.

Chapter 4 details Jesus meeting with a Samaritan woman. Samaritans were people from Samaria and historically they were only part Jewish, so the Jews did not accept them, rather they hated them.

Explore – Express

Re-read the Samaritans woman story (chapter 4).

Imagine you are one of the characters in the story – the woman, her ‘husband’, a disciple, a person from her town. Talk about your thoughts and reactions to what you see or hear in the story.

Explore – Integrate

- How might you reply to someone that asked you what they needed to do to be a Christian?
- Are there people today that are disliked (as the Samaritans were) – how can we interact with them?
- Do you know of anyone that has been healed by Jesus?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Turn John 3:16 into a personal prayer of thanksgiving.

Father thank you that you love me so much that you sent Jesus – your only son – to die for me. Thank you that I am now enjoying eternal life – not through anything I have done but because of my simple belief in Jesus.

Amen.