John

Women's Bible Study 2008/09

- I. Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
- 2. Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
- 3. Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

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١.	a)	What does gospel mean? Use a dictionary for help.		
	b)	Why do you think the first four books of the New Testament are called gospels?		
	c)	Why do you think there are four gospels in the New Testament?		
2.	a)	Who is John? Look up these verses for more insight: Matt 4:21; Mark 3:14–15, 17; Luke 9:52–56; Matthew 20:20–21; John 19:26–27; John 21:20–24; Revelation 1:9.		
	b)	What is an apostle? Use a dictionary for help.		

The following people figure prominently in the Book of John.					
3.	a)	Who are the 12 disciples? Use Luke 6:13–16 for help.			
	b)	Who is Mary of Bethany? What was her relationship to Jesus? Look up Luke 10:38–42 and John 12:3			
	c)	Who is Martha? What was her relationship to Jesus? See Luke 10:38–41; John 11:27; John 11:5, 27.			
	d)	Which of the above characters do you most identify with and why?			
	e)	Who is Lazarus? What was his relationship to Jesus? See John 11:1–3, 11, 43–44.			
	f)	Who is Mary Magdalene? What was her relationship to Jesus? See Mark 16:9; John 20:11–16.			

4. Pick just one of the miracles below, performed by Jesus, unique to the Book of John, and read it. lesus changes water into wine John 2:1-10 lesus heals the official's son John 4:46-53 The healing at the pool John 5:2-14 lesus heals a man born blind John 9:1-7, 35-39 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead John II:1-6, 14-15, 38-44 The miraculous catch of fish John 21:1-14 a) Why do you think John recorded these miracles? See John 20:30–31. b) Describe how the miracle you chose specifically affects your belief or doubt about Jesus the Christ and Son of God. c) Describe how this miracle could fulfill a need in your life. Ask someone you trust to pray for the specifics of this miracle with you. 5. Jesus describes Himself in various ways. Look up just two of the following: John 6:35, 51 John 8:12 John 10:7, 9 John 10:14 John 11:25-26 John 14:6 John 15:1, 5 a) Write down what Jesus calls Himself in the two you chose.

b)	Why do you think Jesus begins these descriptions with "I am"? Look up John 8:58 and Exodus 3:14 for insight.
c)	Write definitions of what you think the two descriptions you chose mean.
d)	Share which one is your favorite and why.
6.	What is exciting or interesting to you about the gospel of John?