

Wrapping up

The glory of simplicity is owning a copy of the Living Word, a piece of paper, and a pen. You can study and learn God's Word all on your own. Doesn't that sound refreshing? The things He may show you may never have been seen by others! Truly, these are gems waiting to be dug out.

Believe it or not, if you work through this study a little or a lot, you will be blessed! It may take you a week or all summer!

Again, you can always self-pace and allow yourself to chew ("hagah", my favorite Hebrew word!) on each morsel of Living Bread...a whole grain for your whole brain!

Remember:

This book gives you 3 GEMS of TRUTH:

1. That you will KNOW who JESUS CHRIST says He is.
2. That you will KNOW who YOU are.
3. That you will follow the most powerful story in all ETERNITY!

LIVING WATER for the THIRSTY soul



The Book of John

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Happy Summer Ladies!

Welcome to the book of the beloved disciple John!

I don't know about you, but I know I need time in the Word to grow in my faith...non-negotiable. Much of the time, I need an "experience" with the LIVING WATER of the Word, Jesus Christ Himself, to feel refreshed!

Much of the time, I need to be in a disciplined study with "due dates" and group accountability. But, other times I need the freedom to be flexible as I "solo study" -- simply being with the LORD and His Word with no pressure involved. Needless to say, there are difficulties with each approach. For some people a group stifles or pushes them to an uncomfortable legalism. For others, "solo studying" gives them no accountability...therefore, no Bible study and no life change.

You have to know yourself and ask God: "What do you want me to do this summer?"

My purpose in writing this "study" was for those of us who need time to be in the Word, be refreshed by the truths of Christ's identity, and yet be able to pace according to our own "STAGE OF LIFE".

You may complete most of it in one week and then have three weeks where you can barely read a chapter. Then again, you may find you cannot read chapters in entirety but portions of the text. You may complete the first half but not finish the end. Or you may do the whole study and memorize much of the book! The important thing is to SET YOUR PACE and STICK TO IT!

If you want accountability, ask for it! Let me know if you need help finding a sister to help you discuss the study. Or ask a gal pal to meet for coffee every two weeks to talk about what you're learning.

ENJOY THIS. Do it your way. Ask God to help you learn. And finally, be changed by Him.

Blessings on you,
Tristie Fisher



Answer the following at your own pace...

① **READ** the entire book of John in 1, 2, or 3 sittings over the summer. Your goal is to literally bathe your mind with the Word...“the living water” as Jesus calls Himself. You will be able to comprehend the entirety (“flow”) of the book.

② This time, read (with paper and pen nearby) the entire book and write **CHAPTER TITLES** for each chapter. You can do this! Ask yourself: What is the main point of this chapter? I love this exercise because it truly helps in memorizing the timeline of events and the tone of the book.

For example...a chapter title for John 1 might be “He is the Word.”

③ Read the book again (over a week's time) and this time write down all the **NAMES OF CHRIST** you see. Most scholars seem to indicate there are seven names given. How many have you found?

For example...“the Bread of Life.”

④ Since you have been exposed to the entirety of the book, write down all of the **MIRACLES** you have seen. You will be surprised how many of them you remember! Again, most scholars agree there are seven recorded here.

⑤ Ask God to give you specific **APPLICATIONS** from your summer study. Ask yourself: “How does this change my life?” You could write down “Here are three things I want to see in my life from my study in the book of John...” and list them out. Consider asking someone to hold you accountable to taking steps toward life change in the specific areas God has shown you.

⑥ If you are able and interested, **MEMORIZE** some or all of the followings verses: John 3:16, 3:30, 10:30, 14:6, 15:4-5, 11. Some of these verses are crucial in understanding the identity of Jesus and sharing Him with others. Why not pick two or four to memorize at your own pace?