## INTRUTH Intro Letter

John

Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on the Gospel of John.

## Studying the Word of God transforms lives!

The Bible is God's message of redemption. God speaks to us through His Word so we can understand the TRUTH of His character, our need for Him and His desire for us. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) have similar content, appealing to different people. Matthew was written primarily for the Jews and emphasizes Jesus is King. Mark presents Jesus as the Strong Servant, which appealed to Romans, people of action. Luke was written to the Greeks and depicts Jesus as the Perfect Man. The Gospel of John is quite different. In it we see that Jesus is the Divine Son of God- fully human, yet fully God. He was loving and personal, yet direct and powerful. He had the very nature of God and was with God in the very beginning. He was involved in creation and nothing has been created without Him. He did signs and miracles that proved He was God in the flesh. Jesus was both loved and hated, but loves and died on the cross to atone for our sins.

This 21 week study covers the entire book of John and is geared toward adults or young adults. It is written using the English Standard Version (ESV), but any translation will enhance your experience and enrich your group discussion. The language in the NIV and NLT translations of the Bible are especially helpful for understanding difficult passages. Each lesson has a memory verse and around 25 questions to help you learn what the Bible says, understand what it means, and see how it applies to your life and God's bigger picture. Included are encouragements to Learn, Love and Walk in Truth, as well as a short summary of the Scripture covered. To get the most out of this study, first do the lesson on your own, asking God to give you insight. Then you will gain further understanding by discussing the questions in a small group and learning from other people. Relationships are deep and rich when the Bible is the topic of discussion!

The Book of John is especially powerful because it proves that Jesus is the promised Messiah the Jews had long been awaiting, as well as the Son of God who also loved the Gentiles. Salvation is available to anyone who recognizes their sin and need for a Savior and believes in Jesus. The word, "believe" is used 98 times in this Gospel because belief impacts every area of our lives. May the Lord use this study to help you grasp God's love, embrace truth and grow in faith in the Son of God. And may you stand firm against evil by believing in the One who has conquered death.

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." John 5:24 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Enjoy!