# Thursday, February 1 Introduction to 1 John

Author: The Apostle John

**Recipient:** A general epistle to the early church

Date Written: ~90-95 AD.

Theme of the Book: Tests of Eternal Life

#### **Outline of the Book:**

<ol> <li>Salvation; Word of Life</li> </ol>	(1)
II. Sin; Love of the World	(2)
III. Sanctification; Pursuit of Truth	(3)
IV. Spirit; Submission to Spirit	(4)
V Cortainty: Assurance of Salvation	(5)

#### **Key Passages:**

1:5-10 The basis for true fellowship with God

2:15-17 Do not love the world5:16-17 Sin leading to death

<u>Summary Statement:</u> "...three factors reveal the key cycle of true spirituality in 1 John: (1) a proper belief in Jesus produces (2) obedience to His commands; obedience issues in (3) love for God and fellow believers. When these three (sound faith, obedience, love) operate in concert together, they result in happiness, holiness and assurance. They constitute the evidence, a litmus test, of a true Christian." – *The MacArthur Bible Commentary, Nelson, 2005* 

### - Verse of the Week:

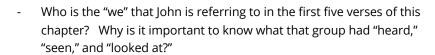
**James 1:10** - "and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like the flowering grass he will pass away."

### Task(s) for Today:

 From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative

# Friday, February 2

#### 1 John 1



- Summarize what you learn from verse 5-10 and how you plan to apply it to your walk with the Lord. What warning should an unbeliever take from this passage?

### - Verse of the Week:

**James 1:10** – "and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like the flowering grass he will pass away."

### Task(s) for Today:

 $\circ\quad$  From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

### Prayer Category - Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/them!

# Saturday, February 3

#### 1 John 2

- Write down 1 John 2:3 and then answer the following questions:
  - What is the connection between God's commandments and those that truly are His followers?
  - Does this verse describe your relationship with God's commands?
  - Are there any particular commands that you are struggling to obey?
    - Why is that?
    - How do you plan to get the help (or make the changes) necessary?
  - What are some of the practical commands listed by John in the rest of this chapter? Are you striving to consistently obey them?

### Prayer Category - The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

# Sunday, February 4



Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

### Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Main Worship Sermon Notes

# Monday, February 5

#### 1 John 3

 What are some ways that you can use today's passage to encourage others? Is there anyone that you can you think of to encourage with what you learned?

- Use the **"Introduction to 1 John"** page to answer the following questions:
  - o What is the theme of the book?
  - How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.
- Verse of the Week:

*James 1:11* - "For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
  - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

### Prayer Category - Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

# Tuesday, February 6

### 1 John 4

- Use the **"Introduction to 1 John"** page to answer the following questions:
  - How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.

- What are two characteristics of God that really stand out to you from this passage? What makes these attributes stand out?

- Verse of the Week:
  - **James 1:11** "For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away."
- Task(s) for Today:
  - Write out the verse

# Wednesday, February 7

#### 1 John 5

- Are there any words or concepts that you didn't understand when you read the passage? Do you have a Study Bible that you can use to help you understand more? Is there a leader or a parent you can touch base with to help?
- What are some of the promises that God gives to the believer in this chapter?

#### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:11 -** "For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away."

### Task(s) for Today:

o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month Ben & Kim B (Due to the region they serve, please do not post or forward this information)

They serve in a remote region of Nepal, sharing Christ & building relationships in the villages, while also working to establish healthy churches by discipling new believers and providing pastoral training

 Pray for favor with the national university and immigration department as they apply for another research visa

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Small Group

# Thursday, February 8 Introduction to 2 John

Author: The Apostle John

Recipient: Either a family or a local church whom John calls, "the chosen lady and her children."

Date Written: ~90-95 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** Christian Hospitality and False Teachers

#### Outline of the Book:

I. Abide in God's Commandments (1-6)
II. Abide Not with False Teachers (7-13)

<u>Summary Statement:</u> "Hospitality and kindness must be focused on those who are adhering to the fundamentals of the faith. Otherwise, Christians may actually aid those who are attempting to destroy those basic truths of the faith. Sound doctrine must serve as the test of fellowship and the basis of separation between those who profess to be Christians and those who actually are." – The MacArthur Bible Commentary, Nelson, 2005.

### Verse of the Week:

*James 1:11 -* "For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away."

### Task(s) for Today:

 From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative

# Friday, February 9

#### 2 John

- Use the "Introduction to 2 John" page to answer the following questions:
  - o What is the theme of the book?
  - How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.

#### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:11** - "For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away."

### Task(s) for Today:

From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

### Prayer Category - Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

# Saturday, February 10 Introduction to 3 John

Author: The Apostle John

Recipient: Gaius, a man beloved by John.

Date Written: ~90-95 AD.

**Theme of the Book:** Christian Hospitality and Faithful Ministers

#### **Outline of the Book:**

I. Servanthood – Gaius (1-8)

II. Selfishness – Diotrephes (9-14)

<u>Summary Statement:</u> "The theme of 3 John is the commendation of the proper standards of Christian hospitality and the condemnation for failure to follow those standards." – *The MacArthur Bible Commentary, Nelson, 2005.* 

### **Prayer Category - The Church**

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

# Sunday, February 11



Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

## Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Main Worship Sermon Notes

# Monday, February 12

### 3 John

- Why did John write this book?
  - Are there any key verses and/or truths that stand out to you?
  - List the names of the people from this book. Who is each person and why are they mentioned/important?
- What are some ways that you can use today's passage to encourage others?
- Is there anyone that you can you think of to encourage with what you learned?
- How/When/Where do you plan to encourage them?
- Verse of the Week:

**James 1:12 -** "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
  - $\circ\quad$  Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

### Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

# Tuesday, February 13 Introduction to Jude

Author: Jude, the brother of Jesus

Recipient: He is most likely writing to a Jewish audience

Date Written: 68-70 A.D.

Theme of the Book: Beware the Pretenders

#### **Outline of the Book:**

I. Purpose of Epistle (1-3)
II. Path of Apostates (4-16)
III. Practice of Believers (17-25)

<u>Summary Statement:</u> "Jude called the church to fight for the truth in the midst of intense spiritual warfare. He called for discernment on the part of the church and a rigorous defense of biblical truth." – *The MacArthur Bible Commentary.* 

#### Verse of the Week:

*James 1:12* - "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

### Task(s) for Today:

Write out the verse

# Wednesday, February 14

#### Jude

- Why is Jude writing this book?
- What are some of the examples he uses to help get his point across?
  - List each example and make a note to help you remember why it is important. (i.e.. Sodom & Gomorrah, Cain, etc.)

#### Verse of the Week:

*James 1:12 -* "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - Memorize the verse

# Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month Ben & Kim B

(Due to the region they serve, please do not post or forward this information)

They serve in a remote region of Nepal, sharing Christ & building relationships in the villages, while also working to establish healthy churches by discipling new believers and providing pastoral training

- Pray for wisdom in the decisions needed in a cross-cultural setting, including leading a growing Bible training program & knowing who, when, & how to help in a very poor region
- Praise for new partners in the ministry!

# Thursday, February 15 Introduction to Revelation

Author: The Apostle John

Recipient: The seven churches of Asia Minor, and to all who would read and heed these things (1:1-4).

Date Written: ~95-96 AD.

Theme of the Book: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The book reveals Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel, the Lord of the Church, and Judge of the world. It is the culmination of the purposes of God in history.

#### **Outline of Book:**

I. The Glory of Christ (1)
II. The Church of Christ (2-3)
III. The Future Plans of Christ (4-22)

The glory of Christ

Eternal state

Left first love

#### **Key Chapters:**

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2-3	Messages to the 7 churches
4-5	God's throne
6	Seals
7	144,000 witnesses and their converts
8-9, 11	Trumpets
12	Description of last 3 $\%$ years of tribulation; persecution of Jews
16	Bowls
17-18	Babylon
19	Return of Christ and Armageddon
20	Millennium and Great White Throne

#### **Key Passages:**

21-22

2:4

3:10	A promise that believers will be delivered from the great tribulation that will come
	upon entire earth
12:1-4	"A woman" – representative of Israel
20:4	The martyrs of the tribulation who will share the joys of the millennial kingdom

(Introduction to Revelation continued)

<u>Summary Statement:</u> "Many other rich theological themes find expression in Revelation. The church is warned about sin and exhorted to holiness. John's vivid pictures of worship in heaven both instruct and exhort believers. In few other books of the Bible is the ministry of angels so prominent. Revelation's primary theological contribution is to eschatology, i.e., the doctrine of last things. One learns about: the final political setup of the world; the last battle of human history; the career and ultimate defeat of Antichrist; Christ's 1,000-year earthly kingdom; the glories of heaven and the eternal state; and the final state of the wicked and the righteous." – *The MacArthur Bible Commentary, Nelson, 2005.* 

#### Verse of the Week:

*James 1:12* - "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

### Task(s) for Today:

 From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative

# Friday, February 16

#### **Revelation 1-2**

- Use the "Revelation" page to answer the following questions:
  - o What is the theme of the book?
  - When you look at the outline for this book, which section is today's chapter in? Why is that an appropriate section title?

 How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.

Verse of the Week:

**James 1:12 -** "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - o From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

### Prayer Category - Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share with them!

# Saturday, February 17

#### **Revelation 3-4**

- Fill in the following for each church addressed in today's reading...
- Church Location:
  - What they were commended for:
  - What Jesus warned them about (or corrected):
  - What Jesus commanded them to do:
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  - What Jesus commanded them to do:
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  - What Jesus warned them about (or corrected):
  - o What Jesus commanded them to do:

### Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

# Sunday, February 18



Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

## Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Main Worship Sermon Notes

# Monday, February 19

#### **Revelation 5-6**

- Make a list of the events that occur in these chapters.
  - Why should these events give you a greater love/appreciation for Jesus?

#### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:13** – "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."

### Task(s) for Today:

- o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
- o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

### Prayer Category - Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

# Tuesday, February 20

#### Re

evelation 7-8		
-	What is something that you learned from this passage? How can you apply this to your life?	
-	What are two characteristics of God that really stand out to you from this passage? What makes these attributes stand out?	
-	Verse of the Week:	
	<b>James 1:13</b> – "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."	

- Task(s) for Today:
  - o Write out the verse

# Wednesday, February 21

#### **Revelation 9-10**

-	Write out a verse that really stood out to you from the passage. Spend
	some time 'praying' through this verse as a way to meditate on the
	richness of it

- What do you think was going on with the interaction with John, the little book, and the angel in chapter 10?

### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:13** – "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."

### Task(s) for Today:

Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month Ben & Kim B (Due to the area they serve, please do not post or forward this information)

They serve in a remote region of Nepal, sharing Christ & building relationships in the villages, while also working to establish healthy churches by discipling new believers and providing pastoral training

 Praise for the encouragement & support offered by the body of Christ while they were in the US

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Small Group

# Thursday, February 22

#### Revelation 11-12

- Describe the future events concerning the Two Witnesses.
  - o What will God accomplish through their ministry?

- In chapter 12, who does the woman represent? Who does the dragon represent?
  - What is the significance of this chapter on the future of the woman and the dragon?

### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:13** – "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."

### Task(s) for Today:

 From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative

# Friday, February 23

#### Revelation 13-14

- Read 13:6. Can you think of other people in the Bible that openly mocked or blasphemed God? How did that work out for them? How does this foreshadow what will happen to the God's opponents in Revelation?
- Read 14:6-7. How does the angel's message encourage the OPPOSITE of what was said in Rev 13:6?

 Do you fear the world and love what is has to offer, or do you fear the Lord and want to obey him? How do you see that evidenced in your lifestyle and life choices?

Verse of the Week:

**James 1:13** – "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - $\circ\quad$  From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

### Prayer Category - Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/ them!

# Saturday, February 24

#### **Revelation 15-16**

- Write out Rev. 15:3-4. Take time to meditate on the truths it expresses and utilize it as a foundation to pray to the Lord.

- There are 7 Bowls of Wrath listed in chapter 16. Write down each bowl and the judgment it held. (i.e.. 1st Bowl: Loathsome sores)

### Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

# Sunday, February 25



Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

## Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Main Worship Sermon Notes

# Monday, February 26

#### **Revelation 17-18**

- Use the **"Introduction to Revelation"** page to answer the following questions:
  - o What is the theme of the book?
  - When you look at the outline for this book, which section is today's chapter in? Why is that an appropriate section title?

 How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.

### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:14-** "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
  - Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

### Prayer Category - Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

# Tuesday, February 27

#### **Revelation 19-20**

<ul> <li>List the events of chapter 19</li> </ul>	
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- List the events of chapter 20. Keep in mind that these events have NOT taken place, and we can look at them as guarantees from a faithful and sovereign God!

### Verse of the Week:

**James 1:14-** "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - Write out the verse

# Wednesday, February 28

#### **Revelation 21**

- What are two characteristics of God that really stand out to you from this passage? What makes these attributes stand out?
- How has this passage caused you to have a heart of thankfulness to the Lord?
- How often do you think of Christ's return and our future home with the Lord? How do you think focusing on those events will help you better live for Christ today?
- Verse of the Week:

**James 1:14-** "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust."

- Task(s) for Today:
  - Memorize the verse

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They serve in a remote region of Nepal, sharing Christ & building relationships in the villages, while also working to establish healthy churches by discipling new believers and providing pastoral training

• Pray for people to know Christ & that God will continue to build His kingdom in remote Nepal.

# Youth Sermon Notes

# Small Group

# Thursday, February 29

#### **Revelation 22**

- Outline the events of this chapter. What are some of the key truths/concepts/promises/warnings that are taught?

### Verse of the Week:

*James 1:14-* "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust."

### Task(s) for Today:

 From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative

# March Reading Schedule

1	Introduction to Joshua
2	Joshua 1
3	Catch up on missed reading
4	Joshua 2
5	Joshua 3
6	Joshua 4
7	Joshua 5-6
8	Joshua 7
9	Joshua 8
10	Catch up on missed reading
11	Joshua 9
12	Joshua 10
13	Joshua 11-12
14	Joshua 13
15	Joshua 14
16	Joshua 15
17	Catch up on missed reading
18	Joshua 16-17
19	Joshua 18
20	Joshua 19
21	Joshua 20-21
22	Joshua 22-23
23	Joshua 24
24	Catch up on missed reading
25	Passion Week Reading
26	Passion Week Reading
27	Passion Week Reading
28	Passion Week Reading
29	Passion Week Reading
30	Passion Week Reading
31	Catch up on missed reading

# Church Prayer Page

#### **HEALTH**

The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord's healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

Cynde Barrett Shelley Hillyard Tom Prohaska Will Hutchinson Sue Boydston Judy Reed Katherine Jackson Anna Rhone **Emily Brabon** Paul Butcher Mike Johnston Darryl Shelton Wei Tan Shore Crvstal Dix Diana McCann Dinah Fernandez Ken McEntire Vaunda Whitacre Elaine Flory Mitchell Miller Jean Pendrich Sandy Foute Amy Gomez Maureen Personius

#### **MILITARY**

Roxy Alexander – Coast Guard
Brooks Alexander – Air Force
McKenna Baker – Air Force
Brandon Barnett – Marine Corps
Jonathan Beauford – Air Force
Andrew Boudreau – Navy
Nico Bourgeois - Army
Cameron Caudle – Army
Chris Cordes (Hannah Marquez' brother) – Army
Glenn Darrow – Army
Luke Day – Navy

Andrew Hann – Marine Corps Lizzy Klynman – Coast Guard William Knight - Army Don Koomar – Marine Corps

Michael Koomar - Army

Austin Grimes - Navy

Luke Lanham – Navy George Medina - Army Leighton Moncada - Army Jon Morse – Air Force Amara Mwesigwa – Air Force David Pearson – Army

Tyler Ramos – Army National Guard Christopher Ryan – Marine Corps Stephanie Ryan – Navy Wendy Schrank – Army

Jason Smith – Navy
Tom Speers - Navy
Dan Szilagyi – Navy

David Weathers - Air Force