

**John Overview:**

**Author and Date:** The disciple John recorded the events of Jesus' public ministry (A.D.29-33) around 80-90 A.D.

**First readers and their location:** John was the last of the gospels to be written. John, who lived the longest of the disciples spent extensive time in the city of Ephesus and may have written it there. However, there is **nothing in John to point to original audience or location.**

**Why was it written?:** The reason John wrote this account can be found in 20:30–31, "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." Because of his advanced age and perspective John presents a bigger picture of parts of Jesus' ministry

**Open-up**

How would you answer the question, "What does Easter mean to you?"

**Into the Bible—Ask "What does it Say?"**

Read: John 21

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What does Jesus ask the men in the boat to do? What is the significance of this (See Luke 5:5-11).

What is the significance of the sheep metaphor? (Religious Leaders: Ezekiel 34:2-10, Jesus: Ezekiel 34:23, Disciples: Jeremiah 23:4)

What is Jesus response to Peter's wondering about John. (21:20-23)

 **Into my life**—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

What do you think Jesus meant when he asked Peter, “Do you love me?” What would it mean to have Jesus ask you, “Do you love me?”

What is sacrificial love? What is friendship love? How do they work? How are they displayed? How can you display them? How does holding grudges dismantle God's call and work in you?

How can you make sure that you are not distracted from true faith and real Christian living? How can you help each other love Jesus (be specific)? (Pray for each other in this)

What is the promise to claim hold of in this passage?

How will you be different this week because of what you have just read?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?

 **Into the World**—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

How important is Christianity to someone who grew up without love or care? How can your church be the place and community to show the sacrificial kind of love that Christ gave? What would that look like? What will you do now?

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