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A READING GUIDE FOR THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you read through **all of John’s writings** over the course of the summer. We are only in the Epistles for one sermon, between the Gospel and Revelations. As you plan your summer, consider the rhythms and habits you want to cultivate with this goal in mind.

This week’s readings will move you from the passage covered in Sunday’s sermon through the book and toward the next week’s sermon text. Some weeks include shorter or repeated readings, especially when the next sermon is in the following chapter. Other weeks may have longer sections to help cover more ground.

Saturdays in this guide is set aside for you to write a letter back to your Heavenly Father, repsonding to what you learned this week as you read the letters.

As you read, consider paying attention to the “**brushstrokes**,” larger themes or images that you notice— what words do John uses over and over, what does he chose to include in these letters, what seems to be his over-all impression of the Father understood more clearly through his understanding Jesus. Also notice where you have a hard time understanding what the points John is making to the church he is writing to. Make of note of those places of (mis)Understanding and talk about them with your family group or a group of friends through the series.

You will need either a physical Bible or the Bible App. A notebook or journal is also recommended, as it can help you process, reflect, and track patterns you notice along the way. Here are some quesitons to help you consider John’s big idea in his letters:

What is Jesus revealing about God and his Kingdom?

How do people misunderstand him?

Does anyone respond with true understanding?

What feels hard to understand in these verses?



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THE LETTERS

1ST, 2ND & 3RD JOHN

MON, JULY 6

(1 JOHN 1-2)

TUES, JULY 7

(1 JOHN 3-4)

WED, JULY 8

(1 JOHN 5)

THUR, JULY 9

(2 JOHN)

FRI, JULY 10

(3 JOHN)

SAT, JULY 11

**(CONSIDER WHAT YOU READ THIS WEEK AND
WRITE A LETTER BACK TO JOHN)**

QUESTIONS AS YOU READ:

“Knowing” is a major theme in John’s letters. As you read, what does John say you can know with confidence?

Where did you feel personally encouraged, comforted, or strengthened as you read? What moment felt like it spoke directly to you?

What did you learn about the Father as you read?



**KEEP THE READING UP!!
SCAN HERE FOR THE NEXT
READING GUIDE:
REVELATIONS.**