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SESSION HANDOUT

Come and See: Discovering the Gospel of John

SPEAKER Neil Hudson

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THE BIG IDEA Who is Jesus and what does the answer to that question mean?

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The Big View: A Map of John’s Gospel

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1. Prologue · John 1

Who Jesus Is

2. The Signs · John 2–12

Provoking Understanding

3. The Cross · John 13–19

The “hour” & glorification

4. Life · John 20–21

Resurrection & Invitation

The “John difference”

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus as Messiah/King	Jesus in action	Jesus as Saviour	Jesus as the Word/Son
Israel–Gentile relationships	Fast-moving narrative	Outsiders and compassion	Deep theological reflection
Systematic teaching	Short, dramatic scenes	Detailed narrative	Long conversations and discourses

John's Seven Major Signs

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The signs provoke understanding and reveal who Jesus is.

1. **Water → wine**
   John 2
2. **Healing the official's son**
   John 4
3. **Healing at Bethesda**
   John 5
4. **Feeding the 5,000**
   John 6
5. **Walking on water**
   John 6
6. **Healing the man born blind**
   John 9
7. **Raising Lazarus**
   John 11

What do the signs point to?

Revelation About Jesus: “I Am” & Conversations

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7 × “I AM”

Jesus says:

“I am the bread of life.” — John 6

“I am the light of the world.” — John 8

“I am the gate.” — John 10

“I am the good shepherd.” — John 10

“I am the resurrection and the life.” — John 11

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” — John 14

“I am the true vine.” — John 15

Which image of Jesus speaks most strongly to you? Why

4 Main Conversations

What do these people have in common?

- Nicodemus — John 3
- The Samaritan woman — John 4
- The man born blind — John 9
- Thomas — John 20

A recurring theme

People misunderstand Jesus—and that misunderstanding becomes a doorway to deeper truth.

The Surprising Heart of John: Cross & Resurrection

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The Cross

- John 12:23–24 sets up the narrative
- “It is finished.” — John 19:30 closes that part of the story

The Resurrection: “Come and see”

- Mary Magdalene
- The empty tomb
- Peter and the beloved disciple
- Jesus appearing to the disciples; Thomas

The Big Idea

Who is Jesus and what does the answer to that question mean?

Recurring themes

Come to me. See. Believe. Follow. Abide.

My Reflections

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What struck me most from this session

Questions I still have / one thing to take away