

INTRODUCTION:

1) TODAY WE WILL BE LOOKING AT *THE GOSPEL OF JOHN*

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) UNDERSTANDING JOHN
- 2) THE STRUCTURE OF JOHN
- 3) THE TEACHINGS OF JOHN

HOMEWORK REVIEW:

Look up each parable referenced in the chart. Then, in the blank space provided, write what the parable says about the kingdom of heaven.

Twelve Parables in Matthew about the Kingdom of Heaven		
Parable	Matthew	Your main thought on the kingdom of heaven
The weeds	13:24–30	The righteous and wicked will be mixed until they are separated in the final judgment.
The mustard seed	13:31–32	Small beginnings of the Kingdom in a life or a society will produce great and powerful results.
The yeast	13:33	A relatively small representation of the Kingdom can produce great effect.
The hidden treasure	13:44	The value of the Kingdom is such that it justifies total sacrifice.
The pearl	13:45–46	The value of the Kingdom is such that it justifies total sacrifice.
The net	13:47–50	Wicked and righteous people live together until the judgment.
The workers in the vineyard	20:1–16	God will generously grant the equal gift of eternal life to all who believe and obey, not just those who work harder or longer.
The two sons	21:28–32	Obedience is determined by what we do, not what we say.
The wicked renters	21:33–46	Mistreatment of God’s representatives will be punished and will not relieve unbelievers of judgment.
The wedding banquet	22:1–14	The kingdom is offered to anyone who will accept, and those who reject the kingdom or fail to prepare adequately will be condemned.
The ten virgins	25:1–13	The kingdom of God requires our vigilance.
The talents	25:14–30	God has entrusted the power and value of His Kingdom to us to administer until He returns.

PART 1 – UNDERSTANDING JOHN:

Q 1) WHO WROTE THE GOSPEL OF JOHN AND WHEN DID THEY WRITE?

Q 2) FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THE GOSPEL OF JOHN WRITTEN?

Q 3) HOW MANY SIGNS DID JOHN USE TO HIGHLIGHT CHRIST'S DEITY?

FIGURE 1)

John used many words to explain what it means to believe in Jesus.		
Term	Believing in Jesus is like . . .	John
<i>receive</i>	Receiving a person to live in one's home	1:12
<i>drink</i>	Drinking refreshing water	4:14
<i>come to</i>	Coming to the source of food and water	6:35
<i>eat</i>	Daily eating food that satisfies	6:51
<i>follow</i>	Daily following Him on a path	8:12
<i>hold to; continue in</i>	A student's submitting to a teacher	8:31–32; 6:66
<i>enter through</i>	Entering through a door into safety	10:7–9
<i>listen to</i>	Listening to and obeying a shepherd	10:26–27
<i>obey</i>	Obeying a parent or a person in authority	14:15, 23; 15:14
<i>remain in</i>	Remaining in a bus until the end of a trip	15:1–8

Q 4) WHAT MUST WE DO IN ORDER FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES TO GROW?

PART 2 – THE STRUCTURE OF JOHN:

OUTLINE OF JOHN...

- I. Introduction (Prologue): The Presentation of the Son of God, 1:1–18
- II. The Public Ministry of the Son of God, 1:19–12:50
 - A. Meeting people (1:19–4:54)
 - B. Meeting the crowds (5:1–6:71)
 - C. Problems with the crowds (7:1–11:53)
 - D. The greatness of His public ministry (11:54–12:50)
- III. The Private Ministry of the Son of God, 13:1–17:26
 - A. The Last Supper (13:1–30)
 - B. The last sermon (13:31–16:33)
 - C. The high priestly prayer (17:1–26)
- IV. The Ministry in Death of the Son of God, 18:1–20:31
 - A. His betrayal and trials (18:1–19:16)
 - B. His crucifixion and burial (19:17–42)
 - C. His resurrection (20:1–31)
- V. Conclusion (Epilogue): The Final Call of the Son of God, 21:1–25

Q 5) IN JOHN'S INTRODUCTION, WHO IS "THE WORD"?

Q 6) WHAT DOES JOHN USE COMMON WORDS TO SHOW?

Q 7) WHAT DOES JOHN'S CONCLUSION EMPHASIZE?

PART 3 – THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS IN JOHN:

Q 8) WHAT DOES JOHN'S GOSPEL HELP US TO SEE?

FIGURE 2)

The seven signs in John help us believe and are related to spiritual truths (Tenney 1961, 190).			
John	Sign	Truth Related to the Sign	Jesus Is Lord Over
2:1–11	Changing water into wine	This first miracle revealed His glory (showed that He was God in flesh). It inspired His disciples to believe in Him.	Quality
4:43–54	Healing the official's son	Those who reject Jesus miss God's blessings (4:44), but those who welcome Him receive good things (4:45, 47, 54).	Distance
5:1–15	Healing the man at the pool	Jesus is equal with God in nature, power, and authority.	Time
6:1–15	Feeding the five thousand people	"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" (6:35).	Quantity
6:16–21	Walking on water	Jesus has power over circumstances. When He is with us, we have nothing to fear.	Nature
9:1–34	Healing the blind man	"I am the light of the world. . . . For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind" (9:5, 39).	Fate
11:1–44	Raising Lazarus from the dead	"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (11:25).	Death

THE SEVEN “I AM” STATEMENTS OF JESUS...

1. “I am the bread of life” (6:35).
2. “I am the light of the world” (8:12; 9:5).
3. “I am the gate” (10:7, 9).
4. “I am the good shepherd” (10:11).
5. “I am the resurrection and the life” (11:25).
6. “I am the way and the truth and the life” (14:6).
7. “I am the true vine” (15:1).

FIGURE 3)

The people who interacted with Jesus teach us much about believing.		
Person	Lesson Related to Belief	John
Andrew	He helped others believe in Jesus.	1:35–42; 6:8–9; 12:20–22
Simon Peter	Jesus changes our character as we believe in Him.	1:42; 6:68–69; 13:36–38; 18:15–18, 25–27; 21:15–22
Nicodemus	We must be born again by believing in Jesus.	3:1–21; 7:50–51; 19:39–42
Philip	We learn more as we believe in and follow Jesus.	1:43–46; 6:5–7; 14:8–14
The woman of Samaria	Jesus satisfies all who believe in Him.	4:1–42
The blind man	Jesus gives sight to those who receive Him.	9:1–39
Martha and Mary	Life’s greatest priority is sitting at the feet of Jesus.	11:1–46
Thomas	Jesus will perfect our faith in Him.	11:16; 14:5–7; 20:24–28
Pilate	The governor of Judea is an example of unbelief.	18:28–19:16
Judas Iscariot	He is one who started believing but turned away.	6:70–71; 13:21–30; 18:1–5

Q 9) WHAT TWO IMPORTANT TRUTHS DID JESUS REVEAL TO HIS DISCIPLES AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY?

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Study about either “The Seven Signs” ***using **figure 2 on page 4** as a guide, or “The Interactions with Jesus” *** using **figure 3 on page 5** as a guide.

