

Christian Education

Winter 2024

Gospel of John

Possibly written by the apostle John at the end of his life, the Gospel of John is a magnificent work that has influenced the course of the church almost from the beginning up to our own day. John's Gospel takes us deeper into the mystery and revelation of Jesus Christ and gives us new insight into his mission and work.

This semester, in addition to working through portions of John's Gospel (see below), we will also be reading and discussing two books together: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* and Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved*.

Participants are encouraged to read the entirety of John's Gospel in as few sittings as possible and then reread the selected section of John's Gospel ahead of the Wednesday evening class. As well, in order to have profitable conversation, participants should read the designated chapter each week before the class.

Christian Education happens each Wednesday from January to March (see schedule below), from 7:00–8:30 pm. For the first hour Pastor David will teach on the selected Gospel text and then for the last half hour he will facilitate conversation around the respective book chapter.

This class will be available in person and via Zoom so that participants may fit it in as best they can. This class is open to anyone who desires to go deeper into this Gospel so invite friends if you like. As well this class will be recorded and posted on our YouTube page and Website. All Christian Education is conducted on a "drop in/drop out" way. Please contact Pastor David if you have any questions about this class.

Wednesday	Gospel of John	Supplemental Reading
January 3rd	John 1:1–42	<i>Life Together</i> "Community"
January 10th	John 2:1–25	<i>Life Together</i> "The Day Together"
January 17th	John 6:22–71 <i>I am the bread of life</i>	<i>Life Together</i> "The Day Alone"
January 24th	John 8:12–59 <i>I am the light of the world</i>	<i>Life Together</i> "Service"
January 31st	John 10:1–42 <i>I am the door; I am the good shepherd</i>	<i>Life Together</i> Confession & the Lord's Supper
February 7th	John 11:1–44 <i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Being the Beloved"
February 14th	No Class Ash Wednesday	
February 21st	John 14:1–31 <i>I am the way, the truth, & the life</i>	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Becoming the Beloved"
February 28th	John 15:1–16:4a <i>I am the true vine</i>	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Taken"
March 6th	John 18:1–38a	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Blessed"
March 13th	John 18:38b–19:42	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Broken"
March 20th	John 20:1–29	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Given"
March 27th	John 21:1–25	<i>Life of the Beloved</i> "Living As the Beloved"