

WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 2018 LENT

“Jesus in the Gospel of John”

Second Week

Monday, February 26: John 3:22-36 ... John the Baptist’s Testimony about Jesus

John the Baptist’s disciples saw Jesus’ growing ministry and became jealous. They complained that now everyone is going to Jesus. But, John said to them, “No one can receive anything unless it is given from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said that I’m not the Christ but that I’m the one sent before him... He must increase and I must decrease.” *How does John’s remarkable reply to his disciples challenge you in your attitudes and actions towards the successes of other people?*

Tuesday, February 27: John 4:1-42 ... Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan woman went to the well at noon and alone to draw water. Apparently, she was trying to avoid other people. But, Jesus talked to her, crossing boundaries of gender and culture and offered her living water that “will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.” *What are your deep inner thirsts that Jesus can quench? What can you learn from Jesus’ words and actions to the Samaritan woman?*

Wednesday, February 28: John 4:43-54 ... Jesus Heals

John 1:11 reads, “The light came to his own people, and his own people didn’t welcome him.” But, when a royal official in Galilee heard that Jesus was coming to town, he went out to meet him and begged him to heal his ill son. Then, Jesus

healed the son. *When you welcomed Jesus into your life, what miracles have you experienced?*

Thursday, March 1: John 5:1-30 ... Jesus heals again

People believed the Bethesda pool had healing power. But, there was a man who had been lying by the pool for 38 years, hoping that he would be healed, too. Jesus asked him to pick up his mat and walk. As he did, he was healed. *Is there an area of your life where you want to be healed? What do needs to happen for you to take up your mat and walk?*

Friday, March 2: John 5:31-47 ... Testimonies about Jesus

Jesus told his critics that they had been reading the Scriptures in the wrong way. Reading rightly, the Scriptures would testify of him, Jesus said. *How do you read and understand the Bible in the right way? What are the witnesses in your lives that point you to Jesus Christ?*

Saturday, March 3: John 6:1-24 ... Two Signs/Miracles

Jesus disciples thought feeding the huge crowd seemed impossible. But, Jesus blessed the 5 small loaves of bread and two small fish that a boy brought to him, and they became food enough to feed 5000 people. *What gifts and resources do you that might create a miracle in ministry?*

In the midst of a storm on the lake, Jesus’ disciples were faced with rough waters and terrified. But, Jesus came to save them, even walking on the water. *Have you faced rough waters? How did Jesus help you “reach the land” on the other side? Do you see anyone who is going through a life’s storm? How does God want you to help him/her?*