

Purification and partying
For the week of January 6 – 12

Prayer: That we see the miraculous signs of Jesus

Day 1: John 1:1 – 51 (read all the way through ‘quickly’)

Three questions to ponder:

- What is odd about the way John begins his gospel?
- What themes and connections are evident in John 1?
- Who is Jesus revealed to be in John 1? (note there are a number of titles, characteristics)

Day 2: John 1:19 – 34

Five questions to ponder:

- How does John’s testimony accurately prepare the way for Jesus? Is it effective testimony?
- If Jesus was a politician or celebrity today, would John be an effective ‘preparer’? Why or why not?
- How effectively do we prepare the way for Jesus’ return?

Day 3: John 1:35 – 51

Three questions to ponder:

- In verse 37, we get the first spoken words of Jesus: “what do you want?” What significance is there to THIS being Jesus’ first words?
- How would you answer if Jesus asked it of you?

Day 4: John 2:1 – 11

Three questions to ponder:

- If these verses were your first impression of Jesus, how would you describe Him to a friend?
- What is the significance to v.5? How might this play out in your life as a new year begins?

Day 5: Psalm 4

Three questions to ponder:

- From where does newness come? How is this significant?
- What connections lie between this psalm and John 2?

Further Reflection: What newness is God doing in your life? What might be a ‘sign’ of Jesus that God is on the move?