

# GROWING UNIVERSITY

Growing "U" for the Great Commission

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### GU 302: According to John

| LESSON / DATE                          | READING SCHEDULE               | CONTENT COVERED  |
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| <b>Lesson 1</b><br><b>August 15</b>    | John 1                         | <b>Part One: Introduction</b>  |
| <b>Lesson 2</b><br><b>August 22</b>    | John 2                         | <b>Part Two: The Incarnation of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Word / Christ is the Purification                      |
| <b>Lesson 3</b><br><b>August 29</b>    | John 3 & 4                     | <b>Part Three: The Ministry of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Savior / Christ is the Living Water                     |
| <b>September 5</b>                     | Get caught up on your reading. | No Growing University this week.   |
| <b>Lesson 4</b><br><b>September 12</b> | John 5 & 6                     | <b>Part Four: The Opposition of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Son of God / Christ is the Bread                       |
| <b>Lesson 5</b><br><b>September 19</b> | John 7                         | Christ is the Messiah  |
| <b>Lesson 6</b><br><b>September 26</b> | John 8 & 9                     | Christ is the Light of the World   |
| <b>Lesson 7</b><br><b>October 3</b>    | John 10 & 11                   | Christ is the Good Shepherd /<br>Christ is the Resurrection and the Life   |
| <b>Lesson 8</b><br><b>October 10</b>   | John 12                        | Christ is the Hosanna  |
| <b>Lesson 9</b><br><b>October 17</b>   | John 13 & 14                   | <b>Part Five: The Disciples of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Servant /<br>Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life |
| <b>Lesson 10</b><br><b>October 24</b>  | John 15                        | Christ is the True Vine  |
| <b>Lesson 11</b><br><b>October 31</b>  | John 16 & 17                   | Christ is the Overcomer /<br>Christ is the Intercessor   |
| <b>Lesson 12</b><br><b>November 7</b>  | John 18 & 19                   | <b>Part Six: The Crucifixion of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Faithful One /<br>Christ is the Lamb of God            |
| <b>Lesson 13</b><br><b>November 14</b> | John 20 & 21                   | <b>Part Seven: The Resurrection of Christ</b><br>Christ is the Risen Redeemer /<br>Christ is the Risen Restorer    |

NOTE: Dates are subject to change.

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### **GU 302: According to John**

#### **THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS**

The Gospel According to John is often the first book of the Bible that is recommended for new Christians to read. The reason is because it is one of the easiest books in the Bible to understand and it provides a definitive eyewitness account of the miracles and teachings of Jesus that affirm His deity and encourage our faith. While it is easy to understand, it is still rich with theology. John doesn't simply provide the eyewitness accounts of the ministry of Jesus, he also provides insight into the meaning and significance of Jesus' miracles and teachings.

This course explores the person and ministry of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Gospel According to John. This exegetical study of the fourth Gospel will highlight such things as chronology, geography, and historical backgrounds in order to better understand the events surrounding Jesus' ministry.

#### **THE GOALS OF THIS CLASS**

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify the role of the Old Testament feasts as they are presented in John.
2. Construct a chronological timeline of the ministry of Jesus Christ as outlined in John.
3. Discuss how the Gospel According to John presents the deity of Christ.
4. Compare and contrast the Gospel According to John with the synoptic Gospels.
5. Discuss and defend Johannine authorship, date, and purpose for the Gospel According to John.

#### **THE WORKBOOK FOR THIS CLASS**

This workbook was developed from personal notes from seminary courses specifically on the book of John. The bibliography contains a list of several academic sources for further study. Elmer Town's book "John: Believe and Live" was used as the primary source to develop this teaching material.

We will purchase a limited number of workbooks and have them available at the Resource Center.