

# Read the Gospel of John

Take a vacation day on

**Monday, June 24**

Yes, that's right. You are encouraged to take time off of work or away from your regular routine to enjoy a mini-retreat in God's Word by reading through the Gospel of John together with other believers.

**There are no rules to this day.**

Below is a rough outline of what to expect.

- The church building is open:
  - 6:30- 8:30 a.m. for those who just can't take the whole day off.
  - 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Meals and snacks are available:
  - All day snacks.
  - 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. cold lunch.
  - 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. hors d' oeuvres.
- Worship:
  - 3:00 p.m. the day concludes with an informal acoustic sing-along and prayer.

And here are a few encouragements.....

- On average, it can take about two hours to read straight through the book of John but don't rush! Take your time, take all day. Stay as long as you want. Leave whenever you need to.
- Spend some of the time in silence.

- Spend some of the time in prayer.
- Spend some of the time journaling as you read. Some journals will be available, or bring your own.
- Consider reading out loud or listening to some of the Book of John read out loud.
- Sit wherever you want, inside or outside. Sit in the sanctuary, in the balcony, on the steps of the altar, in the Altar Guild room, or in the lower level. Consider bringing a cushion, camp chair, pillow, blanket, etc. Bring whatever will make you comfortable.
- Take breaks to intentionally enjoy God's creation. Go outside and sit for a while, or read outside, or take a walk in the nearby neighborhood, or walk to the lakefront, or spread out a blanket and lay under a tree for a nap. (The gardens on the south side of the church are beautiful. The greenspace south of the parsonage/garage can also be utilized.)
- Bring a snack to share. Snacks will be available throughout the day on the counter in the lower level.
- Discuss some of what you have read with other attendees during lunch or eat quietly on your own.
- Conclude the day by mingling over hors d' oeuvres, discussing the day's experience, and worshipping together.

We hope that through this time away, you find your soul refreshed by your Shepherd Lord.

Contact Andrea Delwiche at 414-259-0918 or Kandie Gorski at 414-507-3700 for more information and to register for lunch.

If this day does not work for you, you can pick any day and spend it as a mini-retreat with your best friend, Jesus. Use some of the tips above, or do it your way. Whatever way, just do it!