

<u>Seeing Souls as God Sees</u> (<u>John 4:7-8, 28-30, 34-39</u>) – <u>One Vision</u> January 19, 2025

**One Vision: Seeing as God Sees** 

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. **2**Corinthians 4:18 NKJV

### Jesus sees who we really are

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." John 4:7 NKJV

For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. John 4:8 NKJV

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **John 4:28 NKJV** 

"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" **John 4:29 NKJV** 

Then they went out of the city and came to Him. John 4:30 NKJV

### Jesus sees that people need him now

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. **John 4:34 NKJV** 

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **John 4:35 NKJV** 

And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. **John 4:36 NKJV** 

For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' John 4:37 NKJV

I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." **John 4:38 NKJV** 

### Jesus wants to use us to reach others

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." **John 4:39 NKJV** 

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Colossians 4:5 NKJV

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. **Colossians 4:6 NKJV** 

### This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

January 19 - John 15, Family Focus – John 15:1-14

January 20 – Psa 118, Family Focus – Psa 118:24-29

January 21 - Reflection & Prayer

January 22 – John 16, Family Focus – John 16:7-15

January 23 – John 17, Family Focus – John 17

January 24 – John 18, Family Focus – John 18:15-27

January 25 – John 19, Family Focus – John 19:16-33

### January 19

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# JESUS IS OUR FRIEND

This series we learn about the miracles of Jesus, from the healing of Jarius' daughter to the Loves and Fishes, we learn that Jesus is our friend and we can be His too!

Memory Verse: "Jesus is our friend." John 15:15 (Adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We Can Be A Friend To Jesus

**Parent Connect:** Using today's craft, help your kid count the 5 loaves and 2 fish. Encourage your kid to tell you today's story and say, "We can be a friend to Jesus."

## JESUS AND HIS EARLY MINISTRY

In this series, we will learn about people Jesus met during His early ministry. From John the Baptist, to choosing His disciples and meeting a woman at a well, Jesus had very special encounters.

**Memory Verse:** "John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Calls His Disciples | Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 5

**Parent Connect:** Today in our story we learned of when Jesus calls all 12 of His disciples. Jesus told each one to follow Him. Play a game of follow the leader with your kid and family or friends. As your marching around, talk about how great it would have been to be called on Jesus to follow Him!

### **ELEMENTARY**

## **ONE** VISION



How does God see the world? How does God see us? How can we use scripture to see things differently? In this 3-D themed series, we are going to tackle all of those questions, and more, as we dive into learning how to see as God sees.

**Memory Verse:** "So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing People As God Sees | John 4

**Parent Connect:** This Sunday, we talked about how God sees people differently than how people see people. Have your family look at each other and write down five things they see or notice about their family members. Talk about how God sees beyond our eye color and height and how He sees us as his children who need him desperately.



Our theme for 2025 as a church is One Vision. In this series, we will be introducing the yearly theme by walking through different stories from The Bible (David chosen as king, Good Samaritan, and the woman at the well) to show us how we can see things the way God sees them.

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Heart of the Lesson: God sees beyond our sin - Psalm 139, John 4

**Parent Connect:** This week in G56 we talked about the woman at the well and how Jesus knew all her sins. He knows all our sins as well and often we don't practice repentance or ask for forgiveness of our sins. This is a great opportunity to live by example and show your student or walk your student through how you ask for forgiveness from your sins and let them know that they can also ask for forgiveness.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**

### **ONE VISION**



We all see things a little differently from one another because of our perspective. But imagine how strong God's family, the Church, could be if we all looked at things the way God sees them! This series, we're learning more about how God sees the world so we can be unified with One Vision!

**Memory Verse:** "So we don't spend all our time looking at what we can see. Instead, we look at what we can't see. That's because what can be seen lasts only a short time. But what can't be seen will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing through the Lens of the Bible | Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Proverbs 4:20-22

#### **Parent Connect:**

- Is it easy or hard for you to regularly read your Bible?
- What is something that makes it hard to read your Bible often?
- If you don't like reading, you can listen to your Bible! What is your favorite way to interact with God's Word?
- Another great way to learn from God's Word is with another person. Who is someone you can study your Bible with?