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## In the beginning was the Word...

Start 2020 in the beginning—with the Good Book Club and the Gospel of John! Each day, from Epiphany on January 6 through Shrove Tuesday, February 25, we'll read a passage from this compelling gospel, inspired by "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

We'll encounter the favorite verse of football fans and inspirational sign makers with John 3:16, and we'll also hear stories only heard in John: Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding of Cana, encounters the woman at the well, and raises Lazarus from the dead.

The spiritual Gospel of John uses beautiful poetry: Jesus as the bread of life and as the vine. And it's in John that we hear the great I AM statements.

Forward Movement and partner organizations across the Episcopal Church—and this year, the Anglican Church in Canada—have prepared an array of resources to help you on the journey. The first step is easy: Open your Bible and start reading. Here are some tools for the next steps:

### Introduction and Ideas

**John 101:** A two-page [introduction developed by Forward Movement](#) to the Gospel of John, exploring authorship and major themes. Also [Una introducción](#)

## al Evangelio de Juan

**Introducing the Gospel of John:** The Montreal Diocesan Theological College in the Anglican Church of Canada is hosting a 90-minute webinar about the Gospel of John on January 13 from 7 to 8.30 p.m. (EST). Taught by Jesse Zink, the webinar offers an overview of the gospel's content, structure, and key themes.

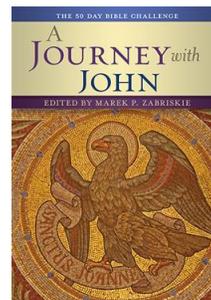
**Building Faith**, a ministry of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary, has some wonderful ideas for getting people of all ages involved.

**El Club Bíblico** es un grupo de Facebook que congrega a personas hispanohablantes interesadas en el mensaje de la Biblia. Durante Epifanía varios miembros del grupo van a publicar mensajes y videos para explorar el Evangelio de Juan.

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## Daily Companion

**A Journey with John:** This book explores the Gospel of John with fifty days of scripture, meditations, and prayers written by dynamic spiritual leaders from across the United States and around the world. Available from Forward Movement and as an ebook on digital platforms.



**A Good Word:** Forma will offer a verse each day, via social media, to encourage reading, sharing, and growing through the Gospel of John. These scriptures will correspond with the daily selections and will be posted on Forma's Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

**Asset Map:** Did you know that St. John's is the most common name for an Episcopal congregation? Congregations named St. John have partnered with the Episcopal Asset Map and will share stories each day on the Facebook page about how they are living out Christ's call.

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## Weekly Companion

**The Good Book Club Bulletin Inserts:**

[RenewalWorks](#) offers [downloadable calendar bulletin inserts](#) with the daily readings and cartoons by artist Jay Sidebotham. Each week lists the daily readings and features inspiring quotes and cartoons.

**Go With Gratitude:** A Reflection Guide for The Gospel of John. This downloadable Bible study from the [United Thank Offering \(UTO\)](#) shares weekly reflections and questions for discussion or personal reflection written by UTO Grant Recipients.

[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#) offers a seven-session [Bible study](#). Each lesson includes a prayer, a group Bible study with discussion/reflection questions, and an Episcopal Migration Ministries “Teaching” in audio or video form.

**Introducing John:** This live, online (and FREE) class offered by [ChurchNext](#) and led by Vicki Garvey will explore the author, origin, setting, and message of the Gospel of John. The one-house classes will meet live on Thursday nights via Zoom from January 23-March 5. [Register now!](#)

**This Week in John:** Weekly emails by Forward Movement preview the upcoming readings to provide context and background. If you’re reading this email, you’re already signed up—but we encourage you to forward it to family and friends! Here’s the link to [sign up](#).

**Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast:** Bishop Russell Kendrick will post [weekly videos](#), offering theological insight on the readings from the Gospel of John.

**Self(ie)-Reflections:** [Missional Voices](#) will host a weekly video series with leaders (laity, clergy, and seminarians) reflecting on where they see the mission of God in each week’s readings.

**Follow the Star:** The evangelism team of the Episcopal Church will post weekly memes to highlight an evangelistic action that we can follow inspired by stories of John as well as a weekly conversation prompt around an evangelism story on [Instagram](#).

**Covenant:** Each week, [The Living Church](#) will post on its blog, [Covenant](#), an article that explores the text from John.

**Vital Practices:** [Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices](#) bloggers will choose

a reading from the Gospel of John that resonates with them and their ministry and write a related blog post.

**Grow Christians:** [Grow Christians](#) will share stories from parents who are reading and reflecting on the Gospel of John at home with children and teens.

What better way to start the new year than with scripture? May 2020 bring you bountiful blessings. We look forward to our journey through John with you this Epiphany season!

*Your friends at Forward Movement*

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The [Good Book Club website](#) lists the daily readings and partners as well as a variety of resources and formation tools. Spanish resources and information are available [here](#). You can also [sign up](#) for a weekly email that previews the coming readings and highlights participants and partners. Organizations, including dioceses, that would like to partner and develop resources for the wider church should contact Richelle Thompson at [rtompson@forwardmovement.org](mailto:rtompson@forwardmovement.org).

Forward Movement is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that inspires disciples and empowers evangelists. With offices in Cincinnati, Ohio, Forward Movement offers online resources, digital products, books, pamphlets, and *Forward Day by Day*. Learn more at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org).

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