

# FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

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The following ten lessons are shared here for the set purpose of helping those who have begun a friendship with someone who is a new English speaker to advance in their understanding of the Bible texts they have been reading. For most readers, this will occur after they have read through the first two or three **Let's Start Talking** study booklets for beginning readers – Luke, John, and Acts.

These reading lessons involve more thought and considerably more effort and vocabulary than the basic LST lessons. However, these cover some important ground as we try to share a purposeful reason for what we believe, our God who is involved in our world and His clearest Message for us, Jesus.

One of the best ways to use this study is after you have completed the first three lesson books. Then, at the conclusion of this study, read the whole Gospel of John together out of the *Easy to Read Version* of the Bible – <http://bit.ly/emcXmC> for the Gospel of John in ERV. This is the Bible text used by the LST booklets. Then, after the reader has read the entire Gospel of John, invite them watch with you the Gospel of John video. This opens the door for them to truly know the Gospel story and also be moved by visual impact of that story. At the same time, they have a deep familiarity with the story from reading it and visualizing it in their minds before seeing it.

Never forget, keep praying for God to use the Holy Spirit to open up the heart of your reader and lead them to know Jesus, God's greatest message, in the Gospel of John. The Holy Spirit not only inspired this message, the Spirit also is at work as you and your reader read the message of the Gospel of John. John wrote it for this purpose:

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs that his followers saw, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name (John 20:30-31 ERV).*

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Thanks Robert, you are a treasure!

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