Purpose Statement

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31 (NASB)
Outline of the Gospel of John

- The Prologue (1:1-18)
- The Introduction of Jesus Christ (1:19-4:54)
- The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ – Mounting Opposition (5-12)
- The Private Ministry of Jesus Christ with His Disciples (13-17)
- The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ (18-19)
- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (20:1-29)
- The Purpose Statement by John (20:30-31)
- The Epilogue (21)
The Prologue (1:1-18)

- Jesus, the Son of God come in the flesh to reveal God and to save
- Describes the world into which He came: darkness
- John came to bear witness to the Light that all might believe
- Describes the mixed reception and consequences
- He reveals the glory of God
Introduction (1:19-4:54)

- John’s witness and preparation
- The Son of God who will baptize with the Spirit
- Titles of Jesus: Lamb of God, Son of God, Messiah, King of Israel, Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph
- Jesus’ title for Himself: Son of Man
- Wedding miracle: submission to the will of the Father
- Cleansing the Temple: zeal for His Father’s house
“Many believed in His name”

- Prologue: children of God by belief in His name
- His disciples believed in Him
- In Jerusalem: many believed in His name, observing His signs
- Jesus did not believe in them
- What is true faith? How can it be?
John 3: The New Birth and Faith

- Jesus and Nicodemus (3:1-15)
- Comment (3:16-21)
- Jesus and John the Baptist (3:22-30)
- Comment (3:31-36)
Nicodemus Came to Jesus (3:1-2)

- Light and darkness
- “There was a man of the Pharisees . . .”
- “This man came to Jesus by night . . .”
- “We know you have come from God . . .”
You must be born again (3:3-8)

- A new birth
- New birth required:
  - To see the kingdom of God (3:3)
  - To enter the kingdom of God (3:5)
- The kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5)
- A future kingdom ruled by Christ, the son of David
- A kingdom of believers on the earth
- John prefers to speak of eternal life
Jesus knew what was in man (2:25)

- Deep darkness (1:5)
- Blindness to the Gospel of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Dead (Genesis 2:16-17; Ephesians 2:1)
- Hostile to God and unable to please Him (Romans 8:6-8)
- A valley of dry bones
- Ezekiel 37:3 – “Son of man, can these bones live?”
- A hopeless condition
You must be born again

- Obligation v. Divine decree
- Greek word: *anothen*
  - “from above” (3:31; 19:11)
  - “from the top” (19:23)
  - “again” (Gal 4:9)
  - “from the beginning” (Luke 1:3)
  - “for a long time” (Acts 26:5)
You must be born again

- Born again – different Greek word (1 Peter 1:3, 23)
- Born of God (1 John 2:29; 3:9; 5:1, 4, 18)
- Caused us to be born (James 1:18)
- Quickening (Ephesians 2:1 AV)
- Creation (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
- Regeneration (Titus 3:5)
- An action by God to overcome “what was in man”
How can this be? (3:4-8)

- How can I be born a second time?
- Born of water and the Spirit
  - Ezekiel 36:22-29
  - “sprinkle clean water . . . and you will be clean
  - Replace heart of stone with a heart of flesh
- Born of the flesh and born of the Spirit
- An illustration from the wind
How can this be? (3:9-15)

- How can this happen to me?
- Requires intervention from heaven
- An illustration from the Old Testament (Numbers 21:6-9)
- The Son of Man must be lifted up
- The look of faith
- Romans 10:17 – “Faith comes by hearing . . . the Word of God”
Comment (3:16-21)

- The Gospel – John 3:16-17
- A world under judgment – unbelief
- Judgment removed by the only begotten Son of God
- The test of the Light
Jesus and John the Baptist (3:22-30)

- The declining ministry of John the Baptist
- A discussion about purification
- John’s joy
- “He must increase and I must decrease.”
Comment (3:31-36)

- Jesus brings truth from God (heaven)
- Jesus gives the Spirit without measure
- The Father loves the Son and has given all things to Him
- Jesus: a matter of life and death
The Gospel Truth

- Deep darkness – unbelief and condemnation
- The Father sent the Son to give eternal life
- Believe in the Son of Man Who died on the cross
- The pursuit of Christ