

**Welcome to Adult Christian Learning
Laurelwood Baptist Church, Spring, 2021**

Upper Room Discourse

As Jesus enjoyed a last supper with His disciples, He looked forward to centuries of the Church. The ‘upper room discourse’ in John 14 -16 is stocked with concentrated spiritual truth ready to explode in the life of every believer. The Lord Jesus teaches about the power of His indwelling presence for living in a troubled world. Instructor: Dr. John Wecks.

Purpose

To understand, appreciate, and apply the nuggets of truth found in Jesus’ farewell dialogue with His disciples.

Proposed Schedule

Date	Title	Scripture
January 17	“Preparing a Place”	Lesson 1 – Jn. 14:1-3
24	“The Way to the Father”	Lesson 2 – Jn. 14:4-11
31	“Promise of Powerful Prayer”	Lesson 3 – Jn. 14:12-14
February 7	“The Comforter’s Presence”	Lesson 4 – Jn. 14:15-24
14	“Peace for Troubled Hearts”	Lesson 5 – Jn. 14:25-31
21	“Fruitfulness through Fellowship”	Lesson 6 – Jn. 15:1-8
28	“The Joy of Loving Relationships”	Lesson 7 – Jn. 15:9-17
March 7	“Cultural Encounters”	Lesson 8 – Jn. 15:8—16:4a
14	“Multiple Ministries of the Holy Spirit”	Lesson 9 – Jn. 16:4b-15
21	“Joy in Sorrow”	Lesson 10 – Jn. 16:16-22
28	“Joy in Prayer and Victory”	Lesson 11 – Jn. 16:23-33

A Selected Bibliography on John and the Farewell Discourse (alphabetical)

Borchert, Gerald L. *John 12-21*. New American Commentary, vol. 25B. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2002. 398 pages. ISBN: 0-8054-0143.

Borchert received his doctorate from Princeton and heads up the doctoral program at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. This readable expositional commentary respects the text and show awareness of studies in John.

Bruce, F. F. *The Gospel of John Introduction, Exposition, and Notes*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1994. 433 pages (paperback). ISBN: 0-8028-0883-2.

The late Dr. Bruce was professor at the Univ. of Manchester, England. This commentary for general readers interested in serious study is based on his own translation of the Greek.

Carson, Donald A. *The Gospel According to John*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1991. 715 pages. ISBN: 0-85111-749-X.

Carson is professor of NT at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. Carson's readable commentary does the usual good job of exegeting the text.

Kent, Homer A., Jr. *Light in the Darkness: Studies in the Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1974. 239 pages. ISBN: 0-8010-5343-9.

Dr. Kent was Dean of Grace Theological Seminary and this brief exposition reflects his sense of the flow of the text.

Kostenberger, Andreas J. *John*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2004. 700 pages. ISBN: 0-8010-2644-X

This is an excellent, scholarly commentary on John's Gospel. Very thorough exegesis and clear explanation of the text.

Laney, J. Carl. *Marching Orders*. Wheaton, IL: Scripture Press Publications, 1983. 165 pages (paperback). ISBN: 0-8820-7398-2.

Dr. Laney teaches at Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon. This more popular expositional commentary focuses on discipleship issues found in John 13-17.

Mitchell, John G. *An Everlasting Love: A Devotional Study of the Gospel of John*. Portland, OR: Multnomah Press, 1982. 426 pages. ISBN: 0-88070-005-X.

The late Dr. Mitchell was founder of Multnomah School of the Bible, and taught for over 40 years. This is a compilation of his heart for Jesus Christ as found in John so that the reader would "fall in love with the Savior."

Morris, Leon. *The Gospel According to John*. The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Revised edition (August, 1995). 888 pages. ISBN: 0-8028-2504-4.

Author of 40 books, Leon Morris retired as principal of Ridley College in Melbourne, Australia in 1979. Conservative scholarship, a lucid style, profound insights and spiritual depth make this expositional commentary a favorite of exegetes and scholars.