

Believe and Have Life*The Gospel of John***John 1:6-18****Read John 1:6-18.**

1. John, the writer of this Gospel and disciple of Jesus, is not the same John introduced in verse 6. This second John is often referred to as John the Baptist. (📖* Luke goes into greater detail; see Lk. 1:5-17, 57-80.)
 - a. Where was John sent from? (v. 6)
 - b. Why do you think this is important to mention? (Lk. 1:76-79; 📖* Ex. 3:10-15 [Moses]; Is. 6:8 [Isaiah]; Jer. 1:4-7 [Jeremiah])
 - c. What specific task was John given? (vv. 7-8)
 - d. What was the goal of John's testimony? (v. 7b; Lk. 1:77)
2. What do both John the writer and John the Baptist want to make clear? (vv. 8, 15)
3. Each of the Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) used different methods to introduce us to Jesus. John chose to describe Jesus for 16 verses before identifying him by name. Review verses 1-9 and list all the ways Jesus is described and why you think they are significant.
4. Why do you think light is a fitting description for Jesus? (v. 9; 12:44-46; Heb. 1:3a; 1 Jn. 1:5)

*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.

5. Verse 9 says, “The true light...was coming into the world.”
 - a. What event does this describe? (v. 14; Lk. 1:26-33)
 - b. Why is this so shocking? (vv. 1-3; Matt. 1:23; Heb. 1:1-2)
6. In the midst of such good news, what tragedy does John introduce? (vv. 10-11; * 2 Cor. 4:4)
7. What right do those who do believe in Jesus’ name receive? (vv. 12-13; * 1 Jn. 3:1)
8. Where are you now—still in the tragedy of rejecting Jesus OR enjoying the privilege of being a child of God?
9. John’s phrase, “made his dwelling among us” (v. 14), literally means “tabernacled among us.” This phrase recalls the image of God dwelling with the Israelites in the Tent of Meeting, or Tabernacle (Ex. 29:42-46). What is the difference between the way God lived with his people in the Old Testament and the way Jesus came to live with us? (compare Ex. 40:34-35 with Jn. 1:14; 1 Jn. 1:1-2)
10. Read verses 14, 16 and 17 and write down what characterizes Jesus.
11. In the Old Testament, God revealed himself in a partial way through the law of Moses. What is John announcing now in his gospel? (v. 18; 14:9b-10a)
12. Why can’t we know the Father apart from Jesus? (Ex. 33:18-20; 1 Tim. 6:15b-16)
13. Read verse 16. What are some of the blessings that we have received from the “fullness of his grace”? (vv. 12-13; Col. 1:10-14, 19-22; Eph. 1:3-8)