

Small Group Discussion Guide — February 23, 2020

- Series: “Life in His Name”
 - Sermon: Reveal
 - Scripture: John 1: 1-5, 14 (NIV)
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK:

How has God spoken to you about your “calling” this week?

CONNECT:

1. What one thing stood out for you from this weekend’s services?
2. How are you “just hanging in there”? What do you think Pete means by “right-sizing your life”?

ENGAGE:

1. Read John 1: 1-5.
 - What words are used to describe Jesus in this passage, and why do you think John chose them?
 - What do verses 2 & 3 tell us about Jesus and his relation to God? Does anything surprise you or change your view of him?
 - What are light and darkness a metaphor for in verses 4 & 5? Does Jesus being “the light” change the meaning of the metaphor? If so, how?
2. Read John 1:14.
 - What does John say about the Word? How does this description of Jesus change your thinking about him?
 - What does it mean to see Christ’s glory? How has He made His glory known in your life?

APPLY:

1. Do you find yourself relating to Jesus as only human, only divine, or some combination of the two? How does your view of Jesus help or hinder your understanding of His grandeur or His love? How is understanding this related to your ability to trust Him fully?
2. What is the “logos” (reason, logic, philosophy) on which you base your life and faith? How does this foundation affect your emotions, thoughts and decisions in your day-to-day life?
3. What is the darkness in your life that needs Jesus’ light? Or said another way, what needs “re-creating” in your heart?
4. John tells us that Jesus is full of grace AND truth. What truth is Jesus putting on your heart right now? Where is Jesus showing you His grace right now? Is there a connection? If so, what can you say about it?

PRAY:

Lord Jesus, you have told us that You and the Father are one. We thank you for loving us unconditionally, giving Your life to save ours, and presenting us to the Father as holy and blameless when we put our trust in you. Guide us by your Spirit to love others as You love us. Amen

GOING DEEPER:

1. What are some examples from scripture of Jesus exhibiting both grace and truth? How can we do the same for the people in our lives?
2. Consider and discuss the difference between “stories in the Bible” and “the story of the Bible.” What overall effect does this difference have on your understanding of how God works through history and through individuals?
3. As a way to stay immersed in this series, check out short videos on John every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of upcoming weeks on our social media (*Hope Church* on Facebook, and *hopecentralrva* on Instagram).

SUPPORTING VERSES:

Friendly reminder: Download one of the Bible apps on your phone or tablet to have quick access to the many different versions of scripture available.

Genesis 1: 1-3