

REFLECT

1. Begin by having someone share his or her story of coming to believe the gospel. Who shared the gospel with you? What key truths about Jesus opened your eyes?
2. Why is it good for believers to frequently hear and share gospel stories with one another?

ENCOUNTER

John begins by proclaiming, “He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him” (1:7). And John concludes the resurrection with this key verse: “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (20:31). A key theme in the Gospel of John is belief. In fact, the word “believe” is used nearly 100 times in John. Throughout John, people from every walk of life encounter Jesus and are called to believe in him.

Briefly survey the following passages and answer a few questions: Who encountered Jesus? What were they called to believe about Jesus? What was their response?

3. John 1:46-50
4. John 3:1-16
5. John 9:31-41

6. On your own, you can also explore John 2:1-12, John 6, John 11, and John 20. Use a concordance or online search to find every occurrence of “believe” in John’s Gospel.

TRANSFORM

7. Is there anyone in John’s gospel that you can relate to the most: Nicodemus, Thomas, the Samaritan woman, Martha, Peter, etc.?
8. Did this week’s sermon energize your belief in Jesus in some new or needed area?

PRAYER REQUESTS

One More Disciple

Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

~ 1 Peter 1:8-9 ~