



People give many reasons for choosing to not believe in God: there isn't enough evidence, they've been hurt by other Christians, or they just don't trust the Bible. The gospel of John, however, is written toward a specific purpose—to call all people to belief in Jesus. As his account begins, John shows us how he will prove his case that Jesus is worthy of both our belief and trust.

His conclusion to the gospel echoes a powerful reminder of the same. John 20:30–31 says, “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some of the reasons people give for not believing in Jesus? In what cases might those reasons seem legitimate? In what ways can the evidence of the Scriptures answer their objections?
- Read John 1:43–50. Here we witness Nathanael's sudden change of heart toward Jesus. What was his initial response to Philip; and what was his reaction to Jesus? What contributed to such a dramatic shift of thought?
- How did Jesus's first miracle (changing water to wine) affect His followers' perceptions of Him? Why was it so impactful that, as a result, “his disciples believed in him” (John 2:11)?
- Read John 3:1–15. How does this dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus set the stage for the Bible's best-known verse, John 3:16?



CHALLENGE

Consider your sphere of influence and who God might be calling you to share His good news with. Over the next week, pray that God might move your heart to take a next step toward following this call.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”. (John 3:16)



PRAYER

Trustworthy God, I am thankful You've shown Yourself to be faithful and Your Son to be worthy of our faith and belief. Thank You for bringing Him to us—and for giving us a relationship with You through belief in Him. Amen.