



**Northland Christian Church
Group Discussion Guide
For the Week of October 24, 2021**

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- Have you ever been somewhere in the world where you have had the opportunity to see a 'one-of-a-kind' natural wonder or structure (Mt. Everest, Great Wall of China, etc.)? What is it like to gaze upon something that truly is 'one of a kind'?
- What rare or unique object would you like to have in your possession? What rare or unique experience would you like to have as a part of your life?

The Context

John Chapter 1:6-18

The Gospel of John was written by a guy named John, the son of Zebedee. He was called by Jesus to be one of the twelve and maybe the youngest of the twelve apostles. This book is one of 4 biographies about Jesus - known as The Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each of them are telling the same story of Jesus in their own way. The first three are often known as the synoptic Gospels because they generally tell the same stuff with their own way of saying it. However, John does something unique from the other three. In fact, 91% of what he says is not found in the other three gospels. He is the last to write his biography of Jesus. John states his goal of writing towards the end of the book in:

John 20:31 "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."

John more than any other writer wants you to show you why you can believe in God. In fact, he uses the word "believe" more than any other writer (84 times - next highest of 15 times). So, John continues to build on the unique identity and 'one-of-a-kind' importance of Jesus after starting at the beginning - Creation - and the Creator - God the Father and God the Son - The Word, Jesus. We pick up more of who Jesus is and what He has done in our passage today.

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

John 1:6-18 NIV

"6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."

Discuss

1. How is Jesus described in verses 9 & 14 & 16-18?
2. Why was Jesus coming as “the true Light” significant for us? What has He helped you see? What has He revealed to you? Where is His light showing up in your life? Where is darkness showing up more?
3. What does it mean to believe in his name (verse 12)? Is this more than just facts about Jesus?
4. What comes to mind when John writes, “he gave the right to become children of God” (verse 12)? What does this say about our identity and blessings as followers of Jesus?
5. How does the fact that God came to us, inform or alter your understanding of God’s love for you?
6. John describes Jesus as full of grace and truth at the end of verse 14. In what way is Jesus full of grace and truth? How has He brought grace to your life? To your relationships? What about truth?
7. Dallas Willard has said that grace is “God’s action in our lives.” How has God been graciously active in your life? In your heart?
8. [Read Romans 3:23-24 & Ephesians 2:1-9](#). What do these passages tell us about the grace of God that came through Jesus?
9. Should our lives be full of grace and truth? If so, what should that look like as we interact with believers and non-believers?
10. When have you seen a fellow follower of Jesus live their life out of grace and truth? What impact did that make?
11. What does John say about Jesus in verse 18?
12. Why can Jesus make God known to man? In what way has Jesus made God known to man?
13. If you want to know God, what does verse 18 teach us? Who should we look to? How does the following quote help?

“Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father to us; to see and understand Jesus is to see and understand the Father.” - James Bryan Smith , Author, speaker, and professor
14. As Christians who have a relationship with God through Jesus, how can we make God known to the people we interact with in our lives?



Remind your group about our Games and Goodies event Sunday, October 31, 2021, after our 10:45 service. We are still needing volunteers for setup, helping with games, and for clean-up. If you would like to help, or if you would like to donate candy to be given away that day, please contact Angela Beemer at abeemer@northland.cc or 785-286-1204. Or you can text “TEAMGG” to (785) 302-9077.

End Your Group Time in Prayer