

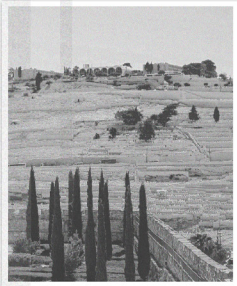


that you may

# BELIEVE

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



## “HOW TO TELL IF IT’S TRUE LOVE” discussion questions

1. Read John 13:34. The command to love wasn't new - God had already commanded that in the Old Testament. The distinction was to love as Jesus had loved. How did Jesus love? What does this mean for how you and I are supposed to love?
2. Read John 13:35. The world will know you are disciples of Jesus by the way you love each other. In your opinion, what attributes would the non-believing world use to describe those who are called Christians in our society? Are we known first and foremost by our love? Something else?
- 3., Consider that Jesus even washed the feet of Judas, who he knew was about to betray him, and Peter, who was going to deny him. What is one group of people that is different from you and that you find it difficult to love? Why?
4. Think about a difficult relationship in your life, someone in your sphere of influence who is difficult to love. Within the context of that relationship, what does love require of you? Be specific.
5. How can we support one another and hold one another accountable to love like Jesus this week?



### The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.<sup>7</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>8</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>9</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.<sup>10</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.<sup>11</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,<sup>12</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>13</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>14</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")<sup>15</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>16</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>17</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.