

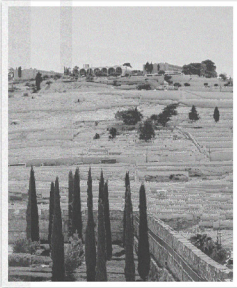
The Purpose of This Book

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.



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## “KNOWING THE HEART OF GOD” discussion questions

1. Describe an experience that allowed you to get to know another person or people in a special way. After that experience, how would you describe your relationship with those people?
2. In this passage, Jesus speaks of his Father giving him authority, people, work, words, and his name. How does that strike you? What does this tell us about the Godhead? How might this change the way you think about God?
3. As we understand the Trinity, we see that there is some kind of an authority structure within God himself, and that the different persons within the Godhead play distinct roles. We therefore understand that both authority and distinct roles are fundamentally good. However, in our fleshly nature, we tend to see each as fundamentally bad. Consider your own views of each:  
 In what ways can authority be a challenge for you?  
 In what ways has authority been an incredible blessing in your life?
4. In what ways do you struggle with your limitations, wishing that you could be someone else? When have you embraced a special role for yourself and learned to appreciate the unique ways that God gifts and arranges?  
 Jesus’s prayer for his disciples is that God would keep them in his name. When we see that God’s heart is to sustain and preserve, how does that affect your perspective and your relationships?

### 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> All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>3</sup> His kin was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>4</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.<sup>5</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>6</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>2</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>3</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.<sup>4</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.<sup>5</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.<sup>6</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>7</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>8</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>9</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>10</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>11</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

