

## NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

# JOHN

**Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

**Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

**Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions\* without other outside sources

*\*questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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### Lesson 21 • 1 John 1

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 Peter 3** has been helpful to you?

2. What do you learn about John from the following verses:

Luke 5:8–11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Luke 9:51–55 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 20:20–23 \_\_\_\_\_

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John 13:23 and 19:25–27 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Compare **V1–2** of 1 John with the Gospel of John 1:1–2. What repeated words, phrases or themes do you see in these profound introductions?

– What do you think it means that Jesus is called “The Word” or the “The Word of Life”?

4. According to **V1** and **3** how intimately has John experienced the “Word of Life”?

– How many times do the words “seen”, “heard” and “proclaim” appear in **V1–3**?

5. Look up the definition for the word “proclaim” to help you answer the following:

– What does this repetition tell you about John and his purpose as he begins this letter?

– In what areas of your life do you proclaim—or need to proclaim your experience with Jesus?

6. According to **V3**, what is the desired result of John’s testimony?

– How does the sharing of your personal experiences with Jesus draw you into fellowship with others and with God?

7. What motive does John have in writing according to **V4**?

– What makes your joy complete?

8. What is “the message” in **V5**?

– Describe the significance of “the message” in your own words (see John 1:4-5, 9 and 8:12 for help).

9. **V6–10** outline several “if-then” statements which reflect our attitudes and actions relating to God as “the Light” as well as the result of those attitudes and actions. Complete the following:

Verse	Attitude/Action	Result
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7		

**Verse**

**Attitude/Action**

**Result**

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10. Compare **V6, 8** and **10**. What does it look like to live this kind of lifestyle, and how does this play out today?

11. How have you experienced the tragic results personally or observed it in others?

12. Compare **V7** and **9**. How are they related, and what does it look like to live this out?

13. How have you experienced or witnessed the wonderful results we are promised?

14. As you consider the two ways of living that John describes, write out a prayer request as a response that you could share with your group.

