

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**PART 5 — ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS: *Living from Purpose* (John 20:30–31)**

**NOTES:**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** Why do you do the things you do (what drives or motivates you)? How important is having purpose? Discuss.

**The Basics:** Read John 20:30–31. What was John’s purpose for writing his Gospel? What is the connection between belief in Jesus as Messiah and life in his name?

**Quick-Fire Round**

1. *Everyone believes in someone or something.* Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What are some things people put their belief, faith, or trust in?
2. John desired that all people believe that Jesus is the Son of God. What does it mean to believe this way? Read and discuss the following verses in John: 1:7, 1:11, 1:50, 3:16, 4:49–50, 5:46–47, 6:64, 7:38, 9:35–38, 11:14–15, 11:25–26, 12:44–46, 14:1, 14:10–11, 16:30–31, 17:21, and 20:29.
3. Read John 1:14, 1:29, and 11:25. What support or evidence does John share throughout the Gospel that belief in Jesus is objective not subjective, and inspirational not aspirational?
4. Read John 20:31 and 14:6. Belief is not the destination according to John—*life in his name is*. What does life in Christ look like, and have you experienced it?
5. Read 1 John 5:1–13. How does John expand on the core themes of belief and life? What stands out to you and why?

**Challenge:** Read Mark 9:24. What areas of unbelief are you facing today? Write them down, bring them to God, ask Him to help you in your doubt, fear, and anxiety.

**Memorize 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.

**Prayer:** *Father, thank you that Jesus came for a very specific purpose—that I might believe and experience real life in his name. I ask that you awaken, clarify, and strengthen my trust and faith in you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*