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The apostle John was an artist and a mystic. He wrote several fascinating works—a gospel, a series of letters, Revelation—all describing God as light and as love. Let's look through some of John's writings to discover what he means when he talks about themes of abundant life, Jesus as the light of the world, and how He loves us as the Good Shepherd. Join us as Dr. Con Campbell visits our *Discover the Word* group to discuss how John reveals Jesus and how Jesus reveals God.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What comes to mind when you think about the concept of "God"? Do we ever make God into our own image? How?
- Read John 10:10. What is abundant life according to Jesus? What does it mean that He's come to bring us life "to the full"?
- Light is a theme throughout the Bible representing truth and specifically the truth about Messiah Jesus. Why do you think truth is represented by light?
- "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). What are the differences between good and bad shepherds? What does it mean that Jesus is the good shepherd?
- Death is a very real part of our world. What are some ways we experience the effects of death? How does Christ's death and resurrection bring us hope even in the midst of a world of death?

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CHALLENGE

Take two pieces of paper and grab a few crayons, markers, or pens of different colors. Choose one color and write the following verse on the first piece of paper, "I am the light of the world." Before you begin, here's the fine print. You can only write one word at a time and must set down your writing utensil in-between each word. After you write the first word (I), place the writing utensil back on the table and mix it in with the other writing utensils. Now grab the same color and write the second word (am).

Repeat the process for the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh words until the verse is complete. Now repeat the exact same process, but this time turn the lights off, wear a blindfold, or close your eyes. Make sure you set down your writing utensil in-between each word and mix it in with the other writing utensils. How do the verses on the two sheets compare? Why was the light so important to keeping straight lines and writing the verse with the same color? Jesus is the light of the world who leads us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'"
(John 8:12 NIV).



PRAYER

Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Please shine Your light into my life. Reveal Yourself to me, Lord. Expose any blindspots that are keeping me from seeing You clearly. And send the Holy Spirit to fill me with Your truth and to help me walk in Your light with You. Amen

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John is a great storyteller and paints some of the most beautiful word pictures of Jesus and God that we find in the Bible. But then we get to Revelation, and it feels like John wrecks his own story. We wonder how this dark book could have been written by the same author that wrote the book of John.

Dr. Con Campbell joins us on *Discover the Word* to discuss John's most hard-to-understand book. So if you've asked questions like, "How does Revelation fit with John's other writings?" or "How can we understand the book of Revelation?" you'll want to join us. Pull up a chair and discover with us how, even in Revelation, John reveals Jesus who reveals God.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A lot of people think God is angry and judgmental, but 1 John 4:7–12 tells a different story. How does 1 John 4 describe what is really at the heart of God?
- How does Revelation 1:17–18 expand our view of Jesus? What does He look like in these verses?
- The church at Ephesus walked away from her first love. What does it mean to lose heart? How can we regain love we once had for someone or something once it's lost? How does the unconditional love of God inspire us to love Him in return?
- "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). What are the differences between good and bad shepherds? What does it mean that Jesus is the Good Shepherd?
- Jesus is both Lion and Lamb. What does it mean that He is both powerful and humble? Almighty yet meek? How can we model humility?
- Read Revelation 21:1–4. How does looking ahead to eternity encourage you? How might this eternal vision of God with us help us in our day-to-day lives?

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CHALLENGE

Look up 1 Corinthians 13. Take a piece of paper and draw a big heart. In the middle of the heart, write out all of the characteristics of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13. If God is love (1 John 4:8) and loves you, all of those characteristics describe the ways He loves you.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”
(1 John 4:10).



PRAYER

Pray through 1 Corinthians 13 and ask God to help you both know His love and show that same love to others.

Dear Lord, help me to feel a tangible sense of Your love for me, and help me to show love to others. Amen.