

# BELOVED

"The Beloved Disciple"

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## Who was John?

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**After 3 years of being with Jesus, John defined himself as:**

***Is this how you see yourself?***

*NEXT WEEK: 1 John 1:5-2:2*

### **1. Welcome**

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs at the beginning of the meeting.

### **2. Vision/Purpose**

One of the key ingredients of a discipling small group is a Biblical Foundation. How does learning of the Bible take place in our small group meetings?

### **3. Small Group Guidelines**

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing.

### **4. Opening Prayer**

### **5. Read Scripture Passage/Tell Bible Story Passage**

### **6. Discussion Questions**

Use a good mix of Head, Heart, and Hand questions. Below are questions your group can pick from if you follow the sermon series.

### **7. Personal Sharing and Prayer Requests**

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender-specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that group members can encourage each other during the week.

## Small Group Discussion Questions

**Warm-Up:** *Get the conversation started, get to know each other.*

1. What is one nickname that you have had in your life, and how did you get it?

**Head:** *These questions help us examine the Word.*

2. What words would you use to describe John the disciple?
3. In the Gospel of John, John refers to himself as "the disciple Jesus loved" 5 times. Read John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, and 21:20. Why would he give himself this nickname? What did John know and experience from Jesus that we might sometimes forget?
4. In 1 John, 6 times John calls the church he is writing to *agapetoi*, or "beloved". What is the connection between being loved by God and loving others? Read 1 John 4:19.

**Heart:** *These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.*

5. How do you see yourself? How does this compare to the way God sees you?

**Hand:** *These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.*

6. What would it take for you to have the same confidence in God's love that John had?
7. As a group, spend time praying Ephesians 3:14-21 together.