As we begin a new group session for 2020, we are continuing a deep dive into the Gospel of John, as we have been reading and studying during Advent 2019. We start again in John 1, where Jesus is the Lamb of God. John’s gospel is more theological and mysterious in some ways; more than Matthew, Mark and Luke. We can learn much this Home Group season about who Jesus is and how to relate to Jesus from the ways that John tells Jesus’ story.

1. John the Baptist is certainly an interesting character! In Mark’s gospel, John wore camel hair clothes and ate locust and honey. Does your group have members who are like prophets or who wonder in the wilderness? Have some fun as you and your group ponder who is most like John the Baptist.

2. Every morning and every evening a lamb was sacrificed in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29:38). The Messiah would be led to slaughter like a lamb (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus is the sacrificial lamb, the once and for all time lamb of God, who gave his life for us. It is humbling to think of God as a humble baby (at Christmas) and as a lamb to be sacrificed.

3. “Come and See” is the theme of this sermon series. We must come and see who Jesus is. We can spend the day with him, watching him for what he does. While we can’t physically be with Jesus, we can spend time praying and serving with other believers and bless those who are poor, lonely, hungry and oppressed – and by doing so we can see Jesus.

4. It would be difficult for most of us to jump in and follow Jesus so quickly. We don’t physically see him in the ways that those disciples did. But we must also be bold in following him. We can “come and see” Jesus, and help point to Jesus as John the Baptist did. May we too be his disciples in 2020.

5. Are there times when we are so close to or so familiar with something or someone that our perception is skewed? Ask group members if this has happened with their view of God, Jesus, the Church, or even the Bible?

6. JTB and Andrew were clearly witnesses to who Jesus was. Can you recall a time when you were a witness to someone about Jesus? If so, what did that look like?

7. Audrey West says that our answer to the question, “What are you looking for?” will have a great deal to do with what we find. Have you seen that in your life?

Prayer:
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- We celebrate with the Parton family in the birth of their son.

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