

A LIFE WELL *Lived.*

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Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Conversation Starter

1. If you were a disciple in Jesus' day and could ask him any one question, what would it be?

Recap and application questions on the back

Questions for Discussion

2. The Apostle John (almost certainly an eyewitness) records John the Baptist saying of Jesus, “Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). What do you think John, as a first-century Jew in Roman-occupied Palestine, would have made of that statement?

3. What do you think Jesus meant when he called John (and James, his brother) a “son of thunder” (Mark 3:17; also see Luke 9:49, 51-55 and Mark 10:35-41)? How might the example of Jesus have “tamed” John’s personality? How has Jesus changed you?

4. The gospels indicate that Peter, James and John spent extra time with Jesus (e.g. at the Transfiguration and when Jesus asked them to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane). John is referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23; 19:26) Does this mean the Saviour of the world has favourites?

5. Read John 19:25-27. When Jesus was on the cross, he entrusted the care of his mother, Mary, to John. What does this tell you about Jesus? About Mary? About John?

6. Read John 1:1-4; 9-14. Who does John understand Jesus to be?

7. Read Revelation 1:9-18
 - How does John describe himself and the cause of his circumstances (v 9)? How does that challenge you in your present circumstances?
 - Read Daniel 7:13-14 to find the background to “Son of Man” in Rev 1:13. What is the overall impact of John’s description of Jesus for John and the reader (vv 12-17)?
 - How does Jesus describe himself and what authority does he have (Rev 1:17-18)? What are the possible responses from a clear understanding of Jesus’ person and work?

8. How does John’s spiritual journey encourage or challenge you?