



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 30, 2023

1. Who do you know that is an older, wise, and experienced Christian? What do you appreciate about them? Have you learned anything from them? If so, what?
2. Read 1st John 1:1-4. The apostle John had been following Jesus as a disciple (and ultimately an apostle) since he was a very young man. He wrote this letter in approximately 90 A.D. (*Jesus was crucified around A.D. 33*). As the last living apostle, what are some of the unique or special experiences that John lived through first-hand?

Examples: *Seeing the resurrected Jesus.*
Tongues of fire arriving on Pentecost.
What else?

3. Turn back to the Gospel of John, and read John 1:1-5. How does the Gospel of John and the letter of 1st John share a similar opening? What is the similar topic?
4. Look closely at verses 1-2. When John talked about Jesus “The Word of life”, in what ways did John have eyewitness, first-hand experience with Jesus? What “sensory” words did he use to describe his experiences with Jesus?
5. John had been sharing, preaching, and promoting the gospel of Jesus for about 60 years. What was his ultimate goal in this, according to verses 3-4?
6. Is being a Christian ultimately about following religious rules or strict regulations? What is the answer according to verse 3? Look also at John 17:3 as you answer.
7. John was so passionate to share the JOY and LIFE he had in Jesus. What are some real-life ways that you can share Jesus (*and the gospel message*) with people around you? What steps can you take to become more courageous and confident in sharing Jesus?