

Small Group Discussion Guide

2 Johns, One Mission – January 5, 2025

John 1:6-13

Small Group Discussion: Purpose, Light, and Resolutions

Introduction (5 minutes)

1. Share:
 - Do you have any New Year’s resolutions or goals for 2025?
 - How do you typically approach setting goals at the start of a new year?
 2. Discuss:
 - What do you think of the shift from “resolutions” to “intentions, bingo cards, or vision boards” as described in the article?
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Part 1: The Purpose of the Gospel of John (15 minutes)

Read: John 1:6-13 and John 20:30-31.

Discuss:

1. What stands out to you about the purpose of John the Author in writing his Gospel?
2. How does John’s purpose challenge or inspire the way we think about our own goals or mission in life?
3. How can we keep Jesus as the central focus in what we do?

Reflection Question:

- John’s purpose was to point people to Jesus. What might that look like in your own life this year?
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Part 2: John the Baptist’s Mission (15 minutes)

Read: John 1:6-8 and Luke 1:8-44.

Discuss:

1. What do we learn about John the Baptist’s identity and purpose?

2. How do you think John's humility and focus on Jesus can inform how we live and serve others?
3. Are there areas in your life where you can act as a "witness to the light"?

Reflection Question:

- John used his unique role and relationships to point to Jesus. What are some ways you can use your current opportunities to do the same?
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Part 3: Jesus, the True Light (15 minutes)

Read: John 1:9-13.

Discuss:

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be the "true light" that gives light to everyone?
2. What does it mean to believe in Jesus' name and become a child of God?
3. How do we balance doubts or questions (like John the Baptist's moment in prison) with faith in Jesus?

Reflection Question:

- How can this group support each other in staying focused on Jesus as the light of life this year?
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Closing (5 minutes)

1. Reflect:
 - What is one takeaway or action step from today's discussion?
2. Pray:
 - Thank God for being the light of the world and ask for wisdom to live out your purpose this year.