

REASONS TO BELIEVE

LESSON 2 // I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE LIFE HE LIVED

Big Idea: You can believe in Jesus because of the life He lived. The Bible tells us that Jesus exists eternally, fulfilled prophecies, declared His divinity, pleased God perfectly, revealed God's grace and mercy, communicated wisely, demonstrated divine authority and became the dividing point in time and history. His life confirms the truth that He is the Messiah, the Son of God.

John 1:1, 14 (NIV) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 20:30-31 (NIV) *Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Start Talking:

"How a person lives tells you about who they are." Why is this an important statement for all of us to understand? How does it impact our relationships?

Start Thinking:

Read Exodus 3:14; John 8:58. What does it mean that Jesus is the "I AM"? What difference should this make in our faith in Him?

Read John 14:6. What do you learn about the uniqueness of Jesus and believing in Him from this verse?

Read John 8:29; 1 John 3:5. Why is it important to believe that Jesus lived a sinless life and always pleased His heavenly Father?

Read John 1:14-17; Hebrews 4:14-16. How did Jesus reveal God's grace to us in a new way? What should our response be to Him?

Start Praying:

Ask God to help you understand the uniqueness and importance of Jesus' life as part of your faith in Him.

Start Doing:

The Bible exhorts us to imitate Jesus and the way He lived (see John 13:15; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6). Identify one way you can imitate Him—by His grace—in your attitudes and actions toward others and practice this deliberately and actively this week. Then turn it into a daily habit as you seek to become more like Jesus!

Please continue to pray for wisdom for our church leaders as we are beginning to meet in person for worship services and ministry opportunities.