

REASONS TO BELIEVE

LESSON 4 // I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE LIVES HE CHANGED

Big Idea: You can believe in Jesus because of the lives He changed. Jesus gives people a new identity, satisfies their deepest needs, restores their lost hopes and dreams, frees them from a guilt-ridden past, helps them overcome life's adversities and revives their lost faith.

1 John 1:1-4 (NIV) *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.*

Start Talking:

How would you describe your “identity” in Christ? How should this define who you are and how you live?

Start Thinking:

Read John 1:40-42; Matthew 4:18, 19. How did Jesus change Peter’s identity? How does this apply to us as followers of Jesus?

Read John 4:7-18. In what ways does Jesus provide “living water” that deeply satisfies?

Read 1 John 2:1, 2; 8:2-11. How does Jesus deal with our guilt-ridden past? What difference should this make in our relationship with God and with others?

Read John 20:24-29. What do you learn about life-changing faith in the resurrected Jesus from this story?

Start Praying:

Pray that God will reveal more of how He wants to change your life going forward. Believe that He has good things in store for you as you allow Him to transform your mind and heart for His purposes.

Start Doing:

Spend time thanking God this week for how He has changed your life. Look for opportunities to share this with others who can be encouraged by your testimony—and perhaps open their hearts to Jesus for the first time!

Please continue to pray for wisdom for our church leaders as we open up more in-person opportunities for worship services and ministries.