

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*BELIEVE IN JESUS*

John 14:1

The Commands of Christ — Week 2

**ICEBREAKER:** Do you think the end or the means is most important? Explain.

**OVERVIEW:** Most people in America say they believe in Jesus. But what if believing in Jesus means something different than most people think? If your idea of belief in Jesus was not what the Bible means by belief in Jesus, wouldn't you want to know it? In this study we are going deeper with Christ's command to believe in Him.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. According to a 2021 Lifeway Research study, 80% of American believe that Jesus is the Son of God. What do you think about this statistic?
3. What do you believe about Jesus?
4. Why do you think some people don't believe in Jesus?
5. Read the following verses about believing in Jesus and answer the questions.
  - a. John 1:12. What is the benefit of believing in Jesus?
  - b. John 20:27. What did Jesus want Thomas to believe?
  - c. John 6:40. What does God want?
  - d. John 11:42. What did Jesus want the crowd to believe? Why?

6. Read John 14:1 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions.
  - a. Why does Jesus command us to believe in Him?
  - b. What is the difference between the Roman Catholic, Antinomian, and classic Protestant views of saving faith in relation to works?
  - c. The Protestant Reformers taught that saving faith has three elements. What are they, and what do they mean?
  - d. What are the two diagnostic questions that you can use as a check-up to test the genuineness of your faith?
  - e. After listening to this sermon, do you think you truly believe in Jesus? Explain.

**The Last Word:** "Faith is a matter first and foremost of looking outside and away from oneself to Christ and his cross as the sole ground of present forgiveness and future hope." J.I. Packer

