

## Getting to Know the Apostle that Jesus Loved Steve Holdaway, LifeSpring Church, 02.07.2016

**Big Idea:** If you capture the heart of the Apostle John, <u>your</u> heart will be captured by the Son of God and people for whom he died.

### Who is John, the Apostle, and why should we know him?

## Why do we think that the Apostle John wrote the Gospel?

John 21:20; 24 ESV 20 Peter turned and saw <u>the disciple whom Jesus</u> <u>loved</u> following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

The approach that we will be taking throughout our study is that John, the Apostle wrote the Gospel, 1,2,3 John, and Revelation.

#### Why you should believe the Gospel According to John: He witnessed the true identity of Jesus. Matt. 17:1-8

He sacrificed his income and family because of what he saw in Jesus. Mark 1:16-20

He saw miracles that could not be explained away. Mark 5:21-43

## He wasn't a super saint, invented by the church, but a real man with real weaknesses.

Pride: Mark 10:35-40 Anger: Luke 9:51-56

# He witnessed the passion of Christ, his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Mark 14:32-34 John 19:26-27 John 20:1-10

## Application:

John had one singular passion in life: to share the good news of Jesus, Son of God. We should have the same. *John* 20:31

"...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."