



*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:1*

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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. John 20:30, 31*

The Gospel of John repeatedly casts vision for and gives meaning to what it means for us to truly LIVE. John consistently reminds the reader that we can only truly LIVE by taking part in the life of Jesus. Through Jesus' personal encounters and His practical teachings, John offers a compelling picture of how we as disciples can daily choose to LIVE rather than just exist.

Our lives are powerfully shaped by our everyday choices. Our choices are largely determined by our definitions. For instance, how we define success greatly influences what we choose in our day-to-day work and play. How we define love will ultimately form our approach to relationships with friends, family, and the world in which we walk daily. The LIVE series from the Gospel of John will encourage and challenge us to rethink our definition of what it means for us to truly LIVE as everyday people with everyday lives. Jesus' definition of what it means to truly LIVE will lead us to new choices, choices that significantly deepen our experience of abundance in peace, hope, joy, faith, and love.

One of the meaningful "by-products" of this series will be hearts that care about the things that the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit care about. Choosing to LIVE with Jesus' definition of life leads us to experience—in ways never before imagined—the purpose, power, and passion of the heart that "so loved the world that He gave" (John 3:16). Choosing to LIVE with Jesus' definition of life leads us to experience—in ways never before imagined—the greatest life and love ever seen laid down for "his friends". Choosing to LIVE with Jesus' definition of life leads us to experience—in ways we never before imagined—the Spirit who "guides us into all Truth" and indwells us as our "Comforter".

Beginning September 7, please join us, mind, body, heart and soul, to experience what it means to truly LIVE in full abundance.

Entrusted,

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