



HOUSE GROUPS

Discussion Questions: John 1:6-18

John 1:6-18 NKJV 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name [was] John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but [was sent] to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, [but] grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared [Him].

Opening Questions

1. Have you ever experienced a power outage? What did it teach you about the importance of light, and how might that relate to Jesus being the "True Light"?

2. Who has been a significant spiritual influence in your life—someone who helped point you toward Jesus?

Observation Questions

3. According to John 1:6–8, what was John the Baptist's primary mission, and what can we learn from his example?

4. Why do you think John repeatedly emphasizes that John the Baptist "was not that Light"? What danger does this help us avoid?

5. In verses 9–11, why do you think many people rejected Jesus even though He created the world and came to save it?

Interpretation Questions

6. Sunday's sermon stated, "The world is full of lights that attract, but there is only One Light that saves." What are some modern "false lights" people look to for meaning, purpose, or salvation?

7. What is the significance of the distinction between John the Baptist being a lamp and Jesus being the Light? How does that deepen your understanding of Christ?

8. John 1:12–13 teaches that becoming a child of God requires receiving and believing in Jesus. Why is this different from merely attending church or being raised in a Christian family?

9. What does it mean that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"? Why is the incarnation essential to the Christian faith?

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Personal Application Questions

10. In what ways are you currently serving as a witness for Christ, like John the Baptist? Where could you be more intentional?

11. The airport illustration teaches that proximity is not the same as participation. Have there been seasons when you were around spiritual things without truly pursuing Christ? What changed?

12. Which of the three elements of salvation mentioned in the study—receiving Jesus, believing in His name, or becoming a child of God—stands out most to you and why?

13. Do you tend to live more under the mindset of "The Law says, Do" or "Grace says, Done"? How does the gospel challenge your thinking?

Deeper Reflection Questions

14. John 1:17 contrasts Moses and the Law with Jesus and grace. How does understanding the purpose of the Law help you appreciate God's grace more fully?

15. The study concludes with four possible responses to the Light: bear witness, reject, receive, or reflect. Which response best describes your current walk with Christ, and what step is God calling you to take next?

Leader's Closing Question: If someone asked you, "What is God like?" how would John 1:18 help you answer that question? What specific qualities of God do you see most clearly in Jesus?