



Dear student of God's Word,

Thank you for joining us in this study of John's Gospel at *Harvest Community Church*. Our desire is to provide an opportunity for all believers, regardless of where they may be in their Christian journey, to dive deeper into the waters of God's Word. The Holy Spirit, our *Master Teacher*, longs to lead us into "all the truth." Jesus promised as much in John 16:13: "When the Spirit of truth comes," He said, "He will guide you into all the truth." I believe that if we'll take the time to sit before the precious words of the Fourth Gospel, He will do just that!

Arthur Pink put it this way: "It is our earnest desire that many of our readers will make these verses the subject of prayerful study and meditation. The Bible teacher who becomes a substitute for diligent study on the part of those who hear him is a hindrance and not a help. The business of the teacher is to turn people to the searching of the Scriptures for themselves, stimulating their interest in the Sacred Word, and instructing them *how* to go about it." To these words I add a hearty, "Amen!"

To that end, each Lord's Day I'll be presenting the congregation with a series of questions to consider about the portion of John's Gospel we'll be looking at *the following* Sunday. This will give us the opportunity to ponder them, to wrestle with them, to study them, to meditate upon them, and to let the Holy Spirit speak *first*, as it were. So, jump in – the water's fine!

In the Victorious One,
Gene

John 1:1-13

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Question to consider about **John 1:1-13**:

1. When John says, “In the beginning was the Word,” what *beginning* was he talking about?
2. Why, of all the names and titles that have been used of the Lord Jesus, does John call Him “the Word?” Why is this choice so significant? What does it tell us about Jesus? About God?
3. In which way is the life that is in Jesus “the light of men” in verse 4?
4. What can we learn from the fact that John calls Jesus “the light” in verses 5, 7, 8 & 9?
5. Who is the “John” mentioned in verse 6?
6. How does the “true light” give “light to *everyone*” in verse 9?
7. What do verses 3 and 10 tell us about Jesus?
8. Who are the ones whom John calls that “children of God” in verse 12?
9. What does verse 13 tell us about our salvation? Who is responsible for it? Whose will brought it about? Who then receives the glory for it?