



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,
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John 1:10-18

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.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Question to consider about **John 1:10-18**:

1. Who are the ones John calls “children of God” in verse 12?
2. What does verse 13 mean by saying that true children of God are *not* born “of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God”? What do each of these clauses mean? What does this verse tell us about free will?
3. What, if anything, is the difference between *receiving* Jesus and *believing* “in His name” in verse 12?
4. What does John mean by saying, “we have seen His glory” in verse 14? What “glory” did he and the others see in Jesus?
5. How was Jesus, who was born *after* John the Baptist, said to be “before” him in verse 15?
6. What does it mean to receive “grace upon grace” in verse 16?
7. The phrase “dwelt among us” in verse 14 literally means, “tabernacled among us” or “pitched a tent among us.” John seems to want to point us back to the Tabernacle that God instructed Israel to meticulously construct in the wilderness (Exodus 25:8-9). How might the Old Testament Tabernacle speak of Jesus Christ?
8. What does John mean by “the law” and “grace” in verse 17?