

# RECEIVE & REFLECT

*the light*

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## JOHN 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower it.

<sup>6</sup>There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

<sup>9</sup>There was the true Light which, coming into the world, shines on every man. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" <sup>16</sup>For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has seen God at any time; the one and only God who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

**RENEWAL:** How have you changed over time? How can the light of Jesus change the dark parts and people of your life? Reflect on how many times this week you turn on a light, and pray, "Jesus, help me to see you for who you truly are." Share with others any dark places in your life where you need Jesus to shine a light.



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WEEK 1

## RECOGNIZE

*the light*

- practice: turn on a light
- prayer: Jesus, help me see.

WEEK 2

## RECEIVE

*the light*

- practice: \_\_\_\_\_
- prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK 3

## REST

*in the light*

- practice: \_\_\_\_\_
- prayer: \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK 4

## REFLECT

*the light*

- practice: \_\_\_\_\_
- prayer: \_\_\_\_\_