

RECEIVE & REFLECT

the light

*advent
twenty
seventeen*

JOHN 1:1-18

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

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

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵John 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.'" ¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No 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 hard are you hustling this Christmas season (1 to 10)? What keeps you from giving up control? Why does that feel dangerous? Do you intentionally celebrate when Jesus does what only He can do for you? Will you take time to rejoice that Jesus has done it all? How can others help?



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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: turn toward a light
- prayer: Jesus, help me believe.

WEEK 3

REST

in the light

- practice: sit in a light
- prayer: Jesus, help me rejoice.

WEEK 4

REFLECT

the light

- practice: _____
- prayer: _____