

Life Group Discussion Questions

December 20-27

John 1:1-18



HOOK

1. When have you been completely in the dark and desperately in need of light?



BOOK

Read John 1:1-5

2. Who is the Word? (1:1)

3. What is the relationship between the Word and God? (1:1-2)

4. What was the Word's role in creation? (1:3)

5. How is the "life" the light of men? (1:4)

6. How did the darkness respond to the light? (1:5)

Read John 1:6-13

7. What mission did God entrust to John the Baptist? (1:6-8)

8. How does Jesus give light to every person? (1:9)

9. How did the world respond to the coming of Jesus? (1:10-11)

10. What is the benefit of receiving and believing in the Word? (1:12)

Read John 1:14-18

11. How did the Word make His dwelling among us? (1:14)

12. What did John and the other Apostles see in Jesus? (1:14)

13. What did John the Baptist say about Jesus? (1:15)

14. What did God give us through Jesus? (1:16-17)

15. How has Jesus made God known or explained God? (1:18)



LOOK

16. Why is it important for us to believe that Jesus is our Creator?

17. Why do so many people reject the true light of Jesus Christ?

18. Why did the Word become flesh and live among us?

19. What does it mean to become a child of God?

20. What insights can you gain from seeing Jesus as God's Word?

21. How has the grace of Jesus been a blessing to you?

22. How has the truth of Jesus been a blessing to you?

23. How has Jesus helped you to know or experience God?



TOOK

24. What can you do this week to be a witness for the "true light"?

25. How will you thank Jesus for your status as a child of God?

26. What blessings of God's grace or truth will you share with someone this week?

“Our Dumpster-Diving God”

by David Slagle

I love ribs, so when I heard about a restaurant that had amazing ribs, a bunch of my friends and I drove fifty minutes to get there. The place was packed, and the food was great. It was “all-you-can-eat rib night,” and rib bones were piling up as fast as the line to get in.

Eating ribs is messy business. Barbecue sauce gets on your face, fingers, and clothes. Dirty napkins pile up next to half-eaten bowls of baked beans and coleslaw. When our crew had eaten all we could, we paid our tab and waddled out to the car.

I reached into my pocket for my keys and came up with nothing but lint. Panicking, I looked through the window at the ignition. I hoped that I had locked my keys in the car, because in the back of my mind a more disgusting possibility was taking shape. When I saw that the ignition was empty, I knew exactly where my keys were — to my car, my house, and my office. Only seconds earlier, those precious keys had slid off my tray and followed a half-eaten corncob and many bones to the bottom of a trash can. I had thrown away my keys on all-you-can-eat rib night.

My friends weren’t going to do the dirty work for me. So I dove into the dumpster, fishing through bones, beans, barbecue, corn, cake, coleslaw, and a host of saliva-soaked napkins. A shiny layer of trash can slime coated my arms before I finally grabbed those precious keys.

As I meditate on the incarnation this Christmas season, I think about our dumpster-diving God. I mean no disrespect by calling him that. On the contrary, I have a soaring adoration for the infinite God who left a pristine, sinless heaven to search through the filth and rubbish of this fallen world for something precious to him — me.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”—John 1:14 (NIV)

“It’s a Wonderful Life”

What makes life in Christ so wonderful?

John 10:10

John 1:1-4

John 1:14-16

1. **L**_____ from the Father
John 3:16
Hebrews 1:14
1 John 4:19
2. **I**_____ as Children of God
John 1:12
1 John 3:1
3. **F**_____ with Jesus
John 15:13
4. **E**_____ by the Holy Spirit
John 14:16-17

