

#### WEEK 3 | THE WORD BECAME FLESH | JOHN 1:1-18

### Inspection: What Does It Say?

What relationship does the Word have to God in verse 1 and verse 18? What promise does John give us in verse 5? How does Colossians 1:12-13 connect to verse 9? What two things was the "only Son" full of in verse 14? What did John say concerning Jesus in verse 15?

#### **Observation: What Does It Mean?**

What do we learn about the kingdom of God by looking at creation? Reference verse 3. Who are "His own" in verse 11? How is one "born of God" as seen in verse 13? What is "Gnostic philosophy" and how does verse 9 refute Gnosticism? Jesus is light. In what sense are we lights? (see Matthew 5:14)

### Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?

Make a list of how Jesus is "the light of men" as seen in verse 9. List the steps of growth you are taking to continue to mature in your sonship. What are two things that the incarnation means to you? Write out a couple of paragraphs on the meaning of verse 16. Pray daily that you can be a light for Jesus in your circle of influence.

# Meditation: What Does God Say?

1 John 1:5-8 John 8:12 1 Corinthians 10:21 Romans 13:12 Ephesians 8:5-11 Isaiah 5:20 John 3:19-20 Colossians 1:13

# Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Almighty God, be present, O Lord, to our prayers, that in all the successive changes of time we may ever be strengthened by Thine unchangeableness.

Dispel for this hour, O Lord, the manifold distractions of the world; that we may be able with quiet minds to receive the promptings of Thy still small voice.

O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee. We give Thee thanks for this divine indwelling unrest; help us so to trust its leadings that we fail not of the things, which belong, unto our peace.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Thou, who searches the hearts of men: Look with mercy upon our sins, especially our sins against the truth; forgive them and help us to walk this day in the light. Deliver us from timid silence; give us courage to speak the truth with boldness and grace to speak the truth with love; and save us in thought, word, and deed from the perils of self-deception.

Forgive us, O Lord, the sins of our youth and our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret sins, our presumptuous and crying sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves. Forgive those sins, which we know, and those sins against the Holy Spirit. May the same Spirit convict us of those sins which we have never dared to acknowledge even to ourselves, as of those sins which have so laid hold upon us that we no longer confess them to be sins.

Grant that we may be brave in battle, high hearted in hardship, dauntless in defeat, and gentle in victory. Be with all those who are suffering in mind, body, and spirit; giving them endurance and self-control, skill, and courage, in the journeys they now face.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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