

# 31. Becoming a Child of God (John 1:1-18)

## Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery? What was their response?

## Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the [Group Guidelines](#)?

## Discover

**Step 1**-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

**Step 2**-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

**Step 3**-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

## Becoming a Child of God (John 1:1-18)

**1**In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He existed in the beginning with God. **3**God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. **4**The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. **5**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. **6**God sent a man, John the Baptist, **7**to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. **8**John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. **9**The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10**He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. **11**He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. **12**But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. **13**They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. **14**So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. **15**John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" **16**From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. **17**For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. **18**No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself

## **God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.**

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### **Ask/Answer:**

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

### **Respond: If this is true...**

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?