

An Interlude With the Witness

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Opening

- When you hear the word “light,” what comes to mind first – literally or metaphorically?

Section 1 – A man sent by God to point to the Light (John 1:6-8).

- Read: John 1:6-8. What role was John the Baptist given, and what role was he careful not to claim? Why do you think this distinction mattered so much?
- John the Baptist was a witness to the Light, not the Light itself. What might that look like in everyday life for followers of Jesus today?
- What are some subtle ways people (including Christians) might unintentionally point to themselves rather than to Christ?

Section 2 – The Light enters the world – and is rejected (John 1:9-11)

- Read: John 1:9-11. What does the passage tell us about “the Light” and humanity’s response to it? Which phrases stand out to you most, and why?
- In verses 10–11, why do you think the world failed to recognize Jesus, even though He created it?
- Where have you seen resistance to God’s light – either in your own life or in the world around you? What emotions or questions does that raise for you?

Section 3 – Receiving the Light changes who we are (John 1:12-13)

- Read John 1:12-13. According to verses 12–13, what does it mean to truly “receive” Jesus? How is this different from simply knowing about Him?
- What does John mean when he says believers are born “not of natural descent... but of God”? How does this shape our understanding of spiritual identity?
- Have you experienced the truth of becoming a “child of God”? How has that identity changed the way you live or relate to others?

Next Step Takeaways:

- What is one practical way you can better reflect the Light of Christ this week – at home, work, or in your community?
- Meditate on this question with the Lord and write your thoughts in a prayer journal: Which part of John 1:6-13 feels most challenging for your right now – witnessing, receiving, or reflecting the Light?