

Discussion Questions for John 1

The Prologue (1:1–18)

1. What does it mean that “*the Word became flesh*” in your own words?
 2. How does John’s use of light vs. darkness connect with our world today?
 3. Where do you see Jesus’ grace and truth shaping your life right now?
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John the Baptist’s Witness (1:19–34)

4. Why do you think the priests, Levites, and Pharisees were so concerned about John’s ministry?
 5. John repeatedly points away from himself to Jesus. How does that challenge our own desire for recognition?
 6. What does it mean for you personally to call Jesus “*the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*”?
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The First Disciples (1:35–50)

7. Jesus invites the disciples with the words, “*Come and see.*” What do those words mean for us today as followers?
8. Andrew immediately tells his brother Simon about Jesus. Who first brought you to faith, and who might God be calling you to share Jesus with?
9. Nathanael starts out skeptical (“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”). What doubts have you or people you know wrestled with, and how has Jesus responded?
10. What do you notice about the different ways people come to follow Jesus in this chapter (through testimony, invitation, personal encounter)? How does this shape our understanding of evangelism?

Closing Reflection

11. Looking back over the entire chapter, which title of Jesus (Word, Light, Lamb of God, Messiah, Rabbi, Son of God, King of Israel, Son of Man) stands out to you the most, and why?
12. How might the truths of John 1 give us courage and direction as we move into chapter 2?