

Women's Bible Study

Discussion Questions for January 17, 2017

John 1 ~ Svea Merry

1. John 1:1–3 reveals that Jesus, the Word, the Son of God, was the Creator. What thoughts or feelings do you imagine He had at beginning of Creation when He knew He would one day enter into it as a human? How do you think it affected Him to know that humanity would damage it (and themselves) through sin and its effects?

2. Look at verses 9-11. What are some reasons why people did not receive Jesus when he came? Use examples from the Bible when possible. What are reasons why people fail to receive Jesus today?

3. What does it say about God that He used a man to introduce Jesus Christ to the world at the beginning of his public ministry? What qualities did John the Baptist demonstrate in this chapter that show how suited he was to this privileged role? What might have been different if Jesus simply announced at the outset, "Listen up, everyone. God is here and I am He!"?

4. In this chapter, we saw several people come to Christ. Andrew and John learned of him through John the Baptist and believed after they spent time with Jesus. Peter was brought to Jesus by his brother, Andrew. Philip was found directly by Jesus, and Nathanael believed when truth was spoken to him that only God could know. As we are called to be witnesses for Jesus, what do you see in these examples that might encourage you?

5. Identify the different names and titles given for Jesus in chapter 1 (by my count there are 10–12 depending on how detailed you get). Considering what these descriptions mean, how might you prove from chapter 1 that it is *completely* inadequate to say that Jesus was simply a wise man or a great teacher?

6. What verse or concept will you take away with you today? How could that impact the way you live this week?