

1. Have you ever been the recipient of something extravagant? How did it make you feel? Was there anything that kept you from readily receiving the gift? Why?
2. Read John 1:6–8. Why does the Apostle John include this reference to John the Baptist at this stage in his Gospel? Why was it important that John the Baptist be established as a credible witness?
3. Read John 1:9. Why does John qualify the light as the “true” light? How does the true light give light to everyone? How did the light come into the world?
4. Read John 1:10–11. How and why does the world reject the light? How about “his own”? How does the rejection of “his own” differ from the rejection of the world? In what ways do you struggle to accept the light? Do you identify more with the world or with “his own”? Why?
5. Read John 1:12–13. Considering the coming light of Jesus, what is our responsibility? What rights, then, are we bestowed?
6. How does this passage provoke you to receive Christ’s work? What’s keeping you from believing today? Discuss it with someone. Ask for prayer. And, perhaps, make a decision to believe and receive Christ as the true light of the world!
7. In what ways can you imitate John’s witness this week in word and deed? Write down your answer and make plans to put it into action.