



grace
in place of *grace*

Walking Through the Book of John DEVOTIONAL | WEEK 1 | JANUARY 26

RECEIVE

Slowly, prayerfully read out loud **John 1:1–34**. Before and after the reading pause for a moment of silence. In the silence, prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider how God is forming you to live as an attractive witness?

REFLECT

1. What is one idea from the message that really captured your attention? Why?
2. How does knowing that Jesus is the Word made flesh influence your relationship with Him?
3. If you were in John's sandals what thoughts and emotions would have filled your heart and mind? What questions, fears or hopes might you have had knowing you were the forerunner of the promised Messiah. How would you have felt?
4. Based upon the message you heard today, how is your life similar to John's? In what practical ways can we embody the "attractive witness" that John demonstrated? What might this look like in our workplaces, schools or communities?
5. What challenges do you face when striving to be an attractive witness to others in relation to Christ? How can we support one another in overcoming these obstacles?

6. John not only points to Jesus but also shares his own testimony of what he has seen and heard. How can our personal testimonies serve as powerful tools to draw others to Christ? What part of your story do you sense could help others know Jesus? Reflect on the valleys and hard places where you experienced God in meaningful ways.
7. Why do you think John called Jesus the “Lamb of God?” What does this title communicate about Jesus’ mission? And if we are His followers, what does that imply about how we are called to live our lives?

RESPOND

How can we practically live the mission of being an attractive witness in our everyday lives and relationships? What are specific actions we can take? Be specific and think through your day-to-day routines and the different circles of relationships you are a part of. Come up with practical ways to implement this.

RESOURCE

If you would like to go deeper into the book of John during this series, you can find NT Wright’s study guide, *Book of John Part 1 & 2*, in the Christ Church bookstore.

READ FOR NEXT WEEK



Reading Plan | Grace in Place of Grace

Week 1 | January 26 | John 1

Week 2 | February 2 | John 2 & 3

Week 3 | February 9 | John 4 & 5

Week 4 | February 16 | John 6 & 7:13

Week 5 | February 23 | John 7:14–18

Week 6 | March 2 | John 8 & 10