

## **Digging Deeper: John 1:10–18**

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### **Day 1:**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you dig deeper into His Word this week. Read John 1:10–18. Although Christ created the world, the people He created didn't recognize Him, verses 10 and 11. Read Isaiah 53:3 and His prophesy about Jesus. Why do you think Jesus was despised and rejected? Check out 2 Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 12:9, 1 John 5:19 and John 12:37–40.

### **Day 2:**

Pray about what God wants you to learn today from some extra study on Sunday's message. Read John 1:10–18, and meditate for a while on what you've just read. In verse 12, what does it mean to 'receive' and 'believe'? Pull out a thesaurus(.com), look up other meanings of these words and write down synonyms that are meaningful to you about Jesus. In what sense is becoming a child of God a matter of your own will? (See verse 12.) In what sense is it a matter not of your will, but of God's? (See verse 13.)

### **Day 3:**

Find a quiet place to settle your mind, body, and spirit, and pray for God's help during this digging deeper study time. Read John 1:10–18. Think about and write down as many of your thoughts, actions and decisions for yourself about what it means that Jesus...

Is the Word:

Is God:

Is the method for how God created everything:

Became flesh and dwelt/lived among us:

Gives believers the right to become children of God:

What can you do this week, by God's grace and prayer asking for His help, to let any of your statements improve your habits, choices, conversations and character? Be as specific as possible about what you are praying to Jesus for.

### **Day 4:**

Pray for how Jesus wants you to learn from His Word today. Read John 1:10–18. The word used (dwelt or dwelled) is the same in Greek at 'pitch his tent' from the Old Testament. Read Exodus 25:8 and 33:7. What does it mean to you that God's presence is no longer separated by a tent that only the few can enter? The most amazing event in all of history: the eternal holy Son of God took on a human nature to live among us as one who was both man and God at the same time in one person. Check out 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19, and write down your thoughts and feelings about it.

**Day 5:**

Pray for others and how God would have you come alongside them with grace and love today. Read John 1:10–18. What is glory? What is grace? What is truth? Use a dictionary(.com) and thesaurus(.com) and write down meanings of these words as you reflect on the verses of the week. How immense is the glory of God? Check out Exodus 18–23. No one has ever seen God and lived. Look at John 6:46. How does grace and truth go together through Jesus? Read Exodus 34:6–8. How would our lives be if all we received from God was truth (living only with the law of Moses)? How would it be if all we received was grace (no integrity or accountability)? Why is it important that these two things are purposely joined together?

**Day 6:**

Pray, reflect and discuss with Jesus and the Holy Spirit about the past days of the week and how you can apply your thoughts, feelings and answers above to use in your life for His glory. Read John 1:10–18. In verse 18, John tells us that no one has ever seen God. Check out Colossians 1:15–17 and Hebrews 1:3–5. How does Jesus help us to “see” God?