

Bible Study Outline & Worksheet

John 1:6–18 — The Word and the World

Overview of Study

This study focuses on how the world responded—and still responds—to Jesus, the true Light and source of life. John the Baptist pointed to the Light, but he was not the Light. Even with prophecy, miracles, and clear evidence, many rejected Christ. Yet for those who receive Him, Jesus gives the right to become children of God through grace, not effort.

Key Points

- John the Baptist was a witness, not the source of life
 - Jesus is the true Light and the only source of life
 - The world often fails to recognize or receive Jesus
 - Rules and religion cannot replace a relationship with Christ
 - Salvation is by grace, not heritage, works, or effort
 - Those who receive Christ become children of God
 - God's promise of salvation is secure and permanent
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Reflective Questions

1. In what ways do people today still struggle to recognize Jesus for who He truly is?
 2. How can pride or self-reliance distract us from pointing others to Christ?
 3. Have there been times when rules or traditions mattered more than following Jesus?
 4. What does it personally mean to you to be called a *child of God*?
 5. How does knowing your salvation is secure change the way you live each day?
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Action Steps

- Examine your heart: Am I pointing people to Jesus or to myself?
 - Spend time thanking God for His grace—not something you earned but received.
 - Identify one area where you need to trust Jesus more fully as the source of life.
 - Practice sharing *why* you believe, not just *what* you believe.
 - Rest in the assurance that God holds you securely in His hand.
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Conclusion

John reminds us that Jesus is the Light the world desperately needs—yet often rejects. The good news is simple and powerful: anyone who receives Christ becomes a child of God through grace. We are not the source of life, but we are called to point others to Him. No matter our past, background, or struggles, Jesus is faithful to complete the work He has begun. Walk forward with confidence, hope, and gratitude—He has you. ❤️