Jesus—Our Life and Our Light John 1:1–18

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

KNOWING JESUS

1. What do we learn about the Word (Jesus) in John 1:1–5? Write down some phrases that tell us something about him.

2. What would you say is the relationship between someone and their words? Why do you think John calls Jesus "the Word"?

3. What connection do you see between John 1:1–5 and the following passages:

   Genesis 1:1

   Hebrews 1:2–3

4. Why would John want to connect the beginning of his book with the creation story of Genesis? What does it mean to you that Jesus is the creator of all things?

5. "Light" and "darkness": what do you think John means by these words in verses 4–5? Where do you see light and darkness in your own life? If you feel comfortable, share this with your group.

6. Who were Jesus' "own" people? (Genesis 12:1–3) What was their reaction to Jesus? (John 1:11)

7. According to verse 12 what does one need to do to become a child of God? What two words does John use to describe this action? Explain this in your own words.

8. Try to explain what John is getting at in 1:13. (For help compare this verse with Ephesians 2:1–10.)

9. What phrase does John use to describe Jesus in verses 14 and 18? What is the significance of this phrase?

10. In verses 6–8 and 15, John introduces us to John the Baptist. What was the main business of his life? How does this compare to the main business of your life?

11. Look at verses 16–18. What came through Moses? Through Jesus? Which would you rather have? Why? Have you experienced these things from people in your life? How did you respond?

12. Describe the relationship between Jesus and his Father in verse 18.