



## Read John 1:4, 10-13

*<sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

*<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>Whoever does not receive the Son of Man who comes in the flesh, the life of the world will not last, but will be taken away. <sup>15</sup>Whoever receives the Son of Man who comes in the flesh, the life of the world will last, and will have the light of life."*

## Background

As we continue our series "Unwrapping Christmas," we focus on John's description of the coming *Word* (Jesus) who is the source and sustainer of life. But what is this life that He brings? Today, our young adult pastor Isaac Trevino will help us see how Jesus is not only the author of our physical life, but He came to us to bring us new and eternal spiritual life!

## Service Notes

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***What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?***

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Instructions

*This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.*

### Getting Started

- ▼ What was the biggest take away from the message this week? In what ways did you experience God at work in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

### Talk it Over

- ▼ **Read John 1:10-13 and John 3:1-8.** What is the difference between being born of ‘man’ and born of ‘God’? According to this passage, how is someone ‘born of God’ (and become ‘children of God’)? What does it mean for someone to ‘receive’ and ‘believe in His name’? How does Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus help us understand John 1?
- ▼ **Read John 10:7-18.** What do you think it means that Jesus came so that we might “have life and have it abundantly”? What are the different ways people (mis)understand “abundant life” from this passage? What would living an “abundant life” look like for you right now? How does the imagery of sheep and shepherd in the passage help us understand what Jesus may have intended?
- ▼ **Read John 11:17-27 and John 14:1-7.** Why can Jesus make the claim to be the “resurrection and the life”? What does this mean for our lives right now? How should Jesus’ self-description as the “way, and the truth, and the life” help guide our daily lives? How does Jesus being alive today give us hope right now?

### Live it Out

In what areas of your life today are you seeing the need for more consistency? Where are you needing to experience “abundant life” today? Who in your life needs to hear about the new life they can have in Christ? What is the next best step of obedience you need to take to walk in the new life God has given you in Christ?

