

- The Witness (1:15)

- The Reception (1:16-17)

Implications

- Have we _____ and _____ the “grace upon grace” that God is giving?

- Are we learning to _____ grace and truth in light of Jesus?

As followers of Jesus, are we learning to _____ His way of grace and truth?

NEXT STEPS:

- With the truth that “Jesus is full of grace and truth” in mind, find 30 minutes this week to quickly read or listen to the whole book of John. Write down 3 takeaways.
- Watch The Bible Project videos to help understand the structure of John’s Gospel at <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/john/>

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and the Witness* | John 1:19-34

Today, we continue our contemplation of the “poetic prelude” that opens John’s Gospel and what it means for us.

Structure

Stanza 1	Stanza 2
The WORD In the beginning...(1-5)	The WORD And the Word...(14)
The WITNESS There was a man...(6-8)	The WITNESS John bore witness...(15)
The RECEPTION The true light...(9-13)	The RECEPTION For from his fullness...(16-17)

Flow

- The Word (1:14)

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CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What's your favorite season of the year and why?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 1:1-18 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
2. Take time as a group to read through the first chapters of all 4 Gospels to get a feel for their differences and especially the distinctive difference of John. How is John really different than the others?
3. Without looking at the outline chart, can someone explain the structure of John's "poetic prelude" in John 1:1-18? How are the stanza's similar and what distinguishes each? What is John trying to do here?

4. What does John 1:16 mean when it says we have received in Jesus "grace upon grace?" Is verse 17 highlighting a contrast between Moses' giving of the law and grace and truth coming through Jesus? Or is something else going on in verse 17?
5. What do we mean when we say, "We must now understand grace and truth in light of Jesus?" Why is that true?
6. Why must an understanding of grace and truth in Jesus lead us toward following Jesus' way of grace and truth with others around us? Which one do you need to grow in? Grace? Truth?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Using John 1:14-18 as a springboard for your prayer, praise and thank God for His grace upon grace in Jesus.
- Pray for deepening understanding and living of grace through our study of the Gospel of John.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.