

CG Study He's Here! - #4



The Attested Light

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REVIEW

Our in-depth look at **the Person whom God sent**, from John 1, continues. The **WORD...**

- Begins what God wants to do in the world (John 1:1)
- Brings the dynamic intimacy of a relationship with God (John 1:1-2)
- Sustains the existence of all things and all people (John 1:3)
- Brings a life which shines to defeat the darkness of our lives (John 1:4-5)
- (this week) Has a witness compelling all to believe (John 1:6-8)

GETTING STARTED

We in the CCC family ask each other “How worn is your welcome mat?” It’s a question which prompts some eval on whether or not we are prayerfully “praying” for someone outside the family of God, then looking to “care” for the one(s) we are praying for, and – at the opportune time that the Spirit of God creates – “sharing the good news about Jesus Christ, the “Word.” This approach seeks to invite others, winsomely, a step closer to the Word, to tread on our welcome mat.

Take a moment to take your pulse on the welcome-mat question. Share for whom you are praying, perhaps an experience of caring you’ve engaged in. Have you had a chance to share Christ with someone the Spirit has directed your way?

IN THE WORD

This week's teaching focused on John, the Baptizer, whom God "sent ahead" as a messenger. His challenge was to prepare people to meet the Word (John 1:1-2), Jesus the incomparable Christ (John 1:25-27), the lamb of God (John 1:29).

📖 Reading and observing the verse sections again from John 1, ask and answer the following questions **about being a "witness" which prepares people to meet Jesus.**

John 1:6-8 What is the action (or phrase) that is 3-times repeated in these verses? Discuss what doing this is, and where we see it in everyday life (e.g., on public media, in a court room)? And...what does this suggest about your role as a disciple of Jesus when interacting with others?

John 1:15 Interesting, the Apostle John AGAIN repeats what the Baptizer was doing. What aspect about Jesus did John (the baptizer) emphasize in what he said?

John 1:19-28 What do you hear in this "testimony" of the Baptizer? Note that he quotes from Isaiah 40:3 about what he is doing. In ancient days, a road was cleared and smoothed to permit the most ready access of a coming sovereign into a territory. What "obstacles" do you think people need to clear away in order to welcome Jesus into their "territory"?

John 1:29-34 Here John highlights yet another aspect of who Jesus is. What is it? Why is it important for people to understand this about the Lord?

Summary (complete the sentence with aspects of John's "witness"):
John the baptizer made clear that Jesus was

_____.

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION

Today, when we have prepared the way by **praying**, then **caring**, the Spirit of God will provide opportunities for us to **share**. Jesus called his

disciples “the light of the world,” and he expected them (filled with the Spirit) to be those who could provide a clear witness, preparing and inviting those far from God to step into His family by faith.

*Our purpose is to **connect people to life-defining relationships in Christ.*** As you finish, target your praying in these ways:

- Tell the Holy Spirit you are willing to become a clear “witness” to who The Word is, willing to learn how to share it clearly
- Ask the Spirit to identify TO YOU those in your circle of influence those He wants to reach THROUGH YOU.