## **Discipleship Group Weekly Resources**

Week 1 Passage: John 1:1-18

## **Big Thought:**

The Gospel of John. This is the story of Jesus according to the disciple John. Over the next 11 weeks, we will explore together two key features: 1. The seven "I am" statements of Jesus and 2. Several signs of Jesus.

John's story of the good news is unique in many ways, but important to us are these two unique features. Jesus says a lot of important things in his ministry, which we have recorded in the Gospel, but John prominently features seven statements by Jesus that communicate deep truths about who he is and what he came to do.

Before we dive in to that, let's quickly look at John's purpose for writing this gospel about Jesus. Turn to John 20:30-31. What does John say his purpose is for writing these things? So that you, the reader, may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Jesus, you may receive life! As we explore together these statements and signs of Jesus, remember this purpose: to believe and receive life!

Our hope is that as you explore together over the next 11 weeks, the words and actions of Jesus challenge into deeper love and understanding of who He is and you receive life in the process.

Spend this week getting to know each other. Discuss what you're looking forward to in this study. Let the questions below just be a conversation kick-starter and guide.

## 4 Questions:

- 1. Briefly share your story of faith.
- 2. What about this group are you most excited about?
- 3. What might believing and receiving life look like in your life? What are some ways you can you prepare to receive for the next 11 weeks?
- 4. Spend some time in prayer together. Pray for God to make Himself known to y'all as you gather and explore the Word.