



Title | On Becoming Children
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 1:6-13
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Sermon Notes

John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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Big Idea:

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, *ESV*

For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- Read John 1:6-9. What do these verses say about who John the Baptist was (his identity), what he did (his assignment), and why he did it (his goal)? In what ways are you similar to John the Baptist? To what extent are you a witness? How can you be a better witness?

Tuesday:

- From John 1:10-11. Think deeply about what this must have been like for Jesus. What does this suggest about what things may be like for you if you are a witness?

Wednesday:

- Read John 1:12-13. According to these verses, how does one become a child of God? What's the difference between believing and receiving? What does "in his name" mean?

Thursday:

- In light of John 1:12-13, evaluate these popular sayings concerning how to be eternally saved: Accept Jesus into your heart. Commit yourself to the Lord. Make a decision for Christ. Surrender all to Jesus.

Friday:

- If, as John 1:12 says, you become a child of God through faith and are adopted into God's forever family, what does that suggest about the relationship God wants us to have with other believers? How could your involvement in a Life Group be of benefit to you and others?

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