

UPPER ROOM ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
"The Gospel of John"  
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Lesson 3: John 1:6-28. The Word Made Flesh; John was not the Word

**<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.**

**a. "He came as a witness...that all might believe"**

a. A witness observes

- i. What, of the "light" of God's grace and mercy, have you observed?
- ii. Are you paying attention to what you are paying attention to?

b. A witness tells what he/she has observed.

- i. Think about the positive/negative ratio of what you pay attention to AND speak about: positive % \_\_\_\_\_; negative % \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. about the world?
  2. about other people?
  3. about politics?
  4. about -----?
- ii. When encountering someone, who has difficulty seeing the "light" of God's grace & mercy at work, how might you respond as a "witness" of the "light?"
- iii. How might the manner, in which you live your life, be a "witness" of God's mercy and grace?

**b. "He was not the light" – distinguishing John's ministry from Jesus' ministry.**  
John knew that he was not the "light."

**<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <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,<sup>[b]</sup> and his own people<sup>[c]</sup> 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.**