

## **Deeper Life Notes**

ENGAGE: "We Value Receiving Christ" (John 1:10-13)

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**Warm up:** What are some *healthy* engagements in your life? Any *unhealthy* ones?

Describe your engagement with God. What is healthy or unhealthy about it?

Read [John 1:1-51](#) What does it say?

What does it *mean*?

What does it mean to you *personally*?

### **\*We value receiving Christ!**

<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, and his own people 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.* - [John 1:10-13 ESV](#)

## **THREE RESPONSES TO JESUS**

### **1. THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> RECEPTION (v.10)**

*"He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world **did not know him.**"*

**Matthew 7:21-23** <sup>21</sup> *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.* <sup>22</sup> *On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

**\*Engage Challenge #1:** Read or listen to the Gospel of John (1-3 hours)

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<sup>1</sup> GENERAL

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> RECEPTION (v.11)

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

His own = His family, His friends, and the people who were a part of his sphere of influence

John 7:5 - "For not even his brothers believed in him."

**\*Engage Challenge #2:** Identify areas where you are holding back, keeping others at bay, or rejecting legitimate invitations.

## 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> RECEPTION (v.12)

*"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name..."*

→ The only acceptable reception is found in two key words: "receive" and "believe"

- a) To **receive** is to consciously invite & welcome Jesus into your innermost being (heart)
- b) To **believe** in His name is to actually trust Jesus to change your eternal destiny just as He promised He would.

"Faith is an object-oriented response, shaped by that which is trusted, namely God Himself, God's promises, and Jesus Christ, all as set forth in the Scriptures." - J.I. Packer

**\*Engage Challenge #3:** Welcome Jesus into your life through prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus died for me. I believe that Jesus paid for my sins on the cross. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I ask you to wash me clean of all sin. I receive you Jesus & put my faith and trust in you as my only hope for living eternally with you in heaven. I ask Jesus to be my Savior and my Lord. Thank you for saving me! Amen!

**\*Engage Challenge #4:** As you discover who God is and what He does, trust in His character and capabilities. Depend on His promises:

*Philippians 4:6-9    1 John 5:11-12    John 16:24    Proverbs 3:5-6    2 Chronicles 7:14*

→ Because the value of receiving Christ is so important I will:

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<sup>2</sup> FAMILY

<sup>3</sup> MINORITY