



## Part 1: Stepping Out

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### Is your world too small?

#### John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus is God.

Jesus is creator.

Jesus is life.

John is a witness.

Jesus is light.

Jesus is rejected.

Jesus saves.

Jesus adopts.

Jesus stepped into our bubble so we could experience grace and truth.

**When we intentionally step out of our bubble, Jesus takes us through a beautiful process:**

A new experience

which leads us to...

A new perspective

which leads us to...

A new appreciation

which leads us to...

A new passion

which leads us to...

A new love for the Jesus who stepped out heaven into our world

**Next Steps**

The power to act is never released until a decision is made. What tangible step will you decide to take today? It might be a step out of the bubble of introversion or fear into the baptism tank next weekend. If that's the right step for you, come to the baptism class after services this weekend. See details on today's program insert.

**Small Group Questions**

- 1) In terms of physical proximity, how close to you does someone have to get before they are too close?
- 2) Share a time when you stepped way out of your comfort zone. What did you do, and what did you learn?
- 3) Read John 1 again. What does this passage teach you about Jesus? Which section is the most meaningful or distressing for you? Why?
- 4) Where is God asking you to step out of your bubble and trust him?
- 5) What keeps you from stepping out in faith? How can you overcome that fear?
- 6) What do you need prayer for right now and throughout the week?