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Lesson One: Abiding in Jesus Christ

I John 1:1-4

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1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read I John 4:15 and John 15:5. What does it mean to abide in Jesus Christ?
2. What is the difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus? How have you seen the difference in your own life?
3. The Apostle John personally saw Jesus in His incarnation. Though we cannot see Him, how can we personally experience Jesus today?
4. What does it mean to have fellowship with God? What does our fellowship with God have to do with our fellowship with another? (See I John 1:3)
5. What does the Christian life have to do with joy? (See I John 1:4 and John 15:11) Are you currently living a life of joy? Why or why not?
6. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What was the joy set before Jesus? What does this have to do with the source of true joy?