

**Community Group Discussion Guide**  
**Anticipate Renewal**  
**John 1:1-14**



***Before you begin, read John 1:1-14 as a group.***

1. Have you ever done any significant home renovations? Explain the project(s) and any lessons (including any funny or embarrassing lessons!) you learned along the way.
2. Why is “renovation” a good word to describe the work God does in people? Is the idea of God renovating people from the inside out a new one for you?
3. Read the following passages: John 1:5; John 1:9-10; and John 1:29. From these verses, what do you learn about WHY we need renovation?
4. The bottom line is that we need renovation because of sin. Talk more about this – why do we need to take sin very seriously? (Check out Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23 if you want to see a bit more about this.)
5. The good news John 1 shows us is that Jesus provides renovation. Read the verses listed below, then answer the questions that follow each:
  - Read John 1:1-3 and John 1:14. How does Jesus’ identity as fully God AND fully man give us confidence in His ability to change us from the inside out?
  - Read John 1:4-5 and John 1:9. Here we see Jesus is the source of life and the “true light.” How do these words (“life” and “light”) help you understand what Jesus came to do?
6. Now read John 1:12. What does this verse share about HOW we find the renovation God provides? What are your big take-aways from this verse?
7. In what specific ways have you seen God renovate your heart and your life as you’ve followed Jesus? Are there ways you’ve seen God’s renovating work in the lives of those in your Community Group? Spend some time encouraging each other, and thanking God for His gracious work in your lives.
8. How should reflecting on the truths you’ve seen in John 1:1-14 influence the way you approach Christmas?
9. What is one practical application you can take in light of what you've learned in this passage?

**Challenge:** Memorize John 1:14: 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.