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Part 2: God Wants to Be Known (John 1:6-9)  
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**God reveals Himself to fallen humanity so that we might know Him and be brought back into right relationship by believing in Jesus, the true Light.**

1. It is God's nature and historical pattern to reveal Himself.
  - a. Through General Revelation
    - i. In Creation (Psalm 19, Romans 1:18-25)
    - ii. In our hearts (Romans 2:12-16)
  - b. Through Special Revelation
    - i. In particular visits (Luke 1, Job 33:14-30)
    - ii. In Scripture (2 Timothy 3:15-16, 2 Peter 1:19-21, 3:15-16)
    - iii. In the Son (John 1:9, Hebrews 1:1-4, Romans 1:16-17, Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9; John 14:9-11)
  - c. Through the ongoing work of the Trinity (John 6:44-48, 16:7-15)
  
2. It is God's nature and historical pattern to create and employ people to reveal Himself.
  - a. Through specific assignments and giftings (John 1:6-8)
  - b. Through universal commissioning and the work of the Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)
  
3. It is our need and right response to believe and walk in new life with our God. (Romans 6)
  - a. By abiding faith in Jesus (John 1:7, 15:1-5; Acts 16:31)
  - b. By drawing near to God (Luke 11:9-13, James 4:7-10)
  - c. By inviting others to come along with us
    - i. In our homes (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:4)
    - ii. In our church (Ephesians 4:11-16, Titus 2:1-8, Jude 1:20-23)
    - iii. In our daily activities (Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Peter 2:11-12)
    - iv. In our intentional mission (Romans 10:8-15, Matthew 28:19)

## One method for studying Scripture

1. Pray for God to meet with you and give understanding.
  
2. Read the passage (and be sure to take in the context).
  
3. Ask questions:
  - a. What does it really say?
  - b. What does it reveal about God?
  - c. What does it say about humanity?
  - d. How can I apply this to my life today? ...as you grow in maturity, you may want to add:
  - e. Where is the point of depravity? (fallenness/brokenness due to sin)
  - f. Where is the point of redemption? (God's provision and saving work)
  
4. Pray again, thanking God and submitting to what you've learned.