



## SDG Discussion Guide

### All is Well: The Names of the Messiah

December 12, 2021

#### To begin:

What is your full name? If you have one, what is your nickname? Where did your names come from?

#### Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group now in your reading and discussion.

1. Read aloud **John 1:1-18**. As time allows, reread the passage from a different Bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you ponder it now?
2. Why does this Gospel begin “in the beginning” rather than at Jesus’ birth?
3. What is John the Baptist’s role as a witness?
4. Who or what fails to comprehend the light (vv 5, 10-11)? Why?
5. From the image of receiving someone (v 12), how would you explain what faith is about? What is the result of this type of faith?
6. From this passage, how can a person come to know God?
7. Flowing from the discussion from this passage, can you articulate what John’s emphasis on the pre-existent, creative Christ means to you this Advent?

*Pray together as led by the Spirit.*

*\*The discussion questions were adapted from The Serendipity Bible for Groups (Zondervan, 1998).*