

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

John 1:10-13

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**Date:** December 31, 2023     **Message:** Who I'm Meant to Be

**Scripture:** John 1:10-13

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**John 1:10-13** - 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 received 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.

**The Could've's:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Should've's:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Dids:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. In what ways do you see identity confusion in our world among believers and unbelievers alike?
2. The failure of people in the 1<sup>st</sup> century to *recognize* Jesus as the creator and maker of the world continues to this day in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What is it that holds people back from *recognizing* Jesus as the designer and maker of the heavens and the earth?
3. In your opinion, what primarily stood in the way of the Israelites receiving Jesus as the Promised Messiah? Was rejection based on their own doing or something else?
4. How can a person be sure they are a child of God? Can a person be an offspring of God but not a child of God? (see Acts 17:18)
5. John 1:12 speaks of salvation involving *believing* and *receiving*. Which comes first? Are both of these responses necessary for a person to be adopted into God's family? Can it be one of these actions and not the other?
6. How can today's message focus have an impact on your life both today and throughout the coming new year?