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2026: Flourishing Together:
Transformed on The Jesus Way
Romans 12:1-2 (Gospel Guide: John)

WINTER 2026: *Designed to Flourish*
January 1 – February 17, 2026
Psalm 92:12-15

Faithful Witness
John 1:19-28

Theme for 2026: Flourishing Together: *Transformed on The Jesus Way*

Theme for the Lenten/Easter Season 2026: *The Good Shepherd*

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP (One Slide)

KNOWING GOD:	Saved
EXPERIENCING GOD:	Shepherded
	Shaped
SERVING GOD:	Sent

Theme for Winter 2026: *Designed to Flourish*

SERMON: *Faithful Witness*

Text: John 1:19-28

JOHN THE BAPTIST:

- In fulfillment of prophecy, he was sent from God as a witness to The Light.
- Prepared the way for the Lord!
- Acknowledged the preeminence/preexistence of The Word.
- Testified that Jesus is The Light.
- Testified that Jesus is The Chosen One.
- Baptized repentant Jewish sinners to prepare them for the coming of the Kingdom of God in Christ.
- Baptized Jesus Christ!
- Testified that Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and that Jesus baptized His followers with the Holy Spirit.
- Boldly declared that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. There he stayed, and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true." And in that place many believed in Jesus.

-John 10:40-41

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist."

-Jesus (Matthew 11:11)

EVANGELISTIC SENSITIVITY

God is calling us to be faithful witnesses to our generation.

PRAY!

PREPARE!

PROCLAIM!