

How did “his own” treat Him – 1:11? (Think: Who were “his own,” and how should they have treated Him?)

What blessing did He give to those who believe in Him – 1:12?

What information does 1:13 add about being born to become a child of God?

1:14 identifies the “Word” as being who? (Think: What does it mean that He is the “only begotten of the Father”?)

How does John 1: 1-14 help us in our relationship with Jesus, and how can this passage assist us as we encourage others to believe and receive Christ?

Close in prayer

Start by praising God for what He has given us in Christ. Pray for each other that we would grow in our understanding and relationship with Christ through this series. Pray for each other that we will have the confidence and wisdom to encourage others to consider the claims of Jesus Christ.



A Light in the Darkness

The Gospel of John

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 1

5 February 2023

“The Word Became Flesh”

John 1: 1-14

Series Overview:

In this ten week series, we will look at a Gospel book that is quite different to the other three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). John wrote this book much later than the other writers, and used a different technique and style. We will reflect on passages and stories that are unique to this Gospel, and seek to capture the passion and desire of the author. John primarily wrote this letter so that the readers would believe in Christ, who he describes as a Light in the Darkness. May the Light of Christ shine into our lives as we spend time in this book, and help us to believe in the One who came to bring life in all of its abundance.

As we start this series, think and discuss what you know about the apostle John. List four things you know about him.

Read John 1: 1-14

Who is “the Word”, and what does 1:1-2 tell us about Him?

Discuss how the Son could be with God and still be God.

What did “the Word” make – 1:3?

Suppose a friend asks whether Jesus was eternal or was a created being. How could you use John 1 to answer the question?

What two characteristics did the Word have according to 1:4,5? In what ways are these descriptions helpful to us?

In today’s sermon we looked at three aspects of Christ:

His Pre-existence (John 1:1, John 17:5)

His Co-existence (John 1:1b)

His Self-existence (John 1:4)

Why are these three aspects important as we seek to grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus? Discuss each aspect.

In v.6 we read about someone named John, is this the author, or someone else? The passage says that he was a witness. Define “Witness”.

Why did this witness give his testimony?

How did the world react to “the light” – 1:9,10?