



The Gospel of John

Week 1 Discussion Questions

Text: John 1:1-18

Icebreaker: If someone asked you, “What’s the big deal about Jesus?” how would you answer them?

1. Read this week’s passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. In verse 1, John has used the language “In the beginning” purposefully. What does this language bring to your mind?
3. What is John’s purpose of linking these passages?
4. Consider what “one’s word” means in today’s world. What do a person’s words reveal about their character, and what does it mean when someone gives their word?
5. Take a look at a few instances of God’s “Word” in the Old Testament (Ref: Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14; Genesis 15:1, 4; Psalm 33:6; 1 Samuel 15:1; Isaiah 38:4). What is the significance of God’s word and what does it tell us about the character of Jesus?
6. It is not difficult to reflect on things in the world today and see darkness. Describe the sorts of things that you would consider “darkness” in the world today.
7. John says in verse 5, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” What does it look like for Christ’s light to shine in our present world?
8. Where have you seen Christ’s light overcome darkness in your own life?
9. John 1:14 says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” The Greek word here used for “dwelt” is the same word used to translate the word “tabernacle” in the Old Testament. What was the significance of the Tabernacle in the Old Testament (Ref: Exodus 40:34-38)?
10. In what way is Jesus’ incarnation (“word became flesh”) similar to the tabernacle of the Old Testament? In which ways is it different?
11. Take a moment to think about God becoming human. What impact does this have on your faith and how does it affect your daily life?