Sermon Discussion Guide

December 4, 2022

READ

Read John 1 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- Jesus is the Word of God and the Light of Life. He is God incarnate in a glorious person full of grace and truth.
- "The Trinity is the idea that God has existed eternally as one being in three persons—each person distinct from each other, yet each represented in the others, comprising one being, God."
- "When true beauty, true light comes into a place of darkness, the darkness doesn't always want it because the light just exposes how dark the darkness is."
- "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12). What did you have to do? *Nothing*, only receive him.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Compare and contrast how John 1:1–18 portrays Jesus with how most people in the world think of him. What sticks out to you about the way John speaks of Jesus?
2. What does the imagery of "light" and "life" tell us about Jesus? How have these impacted your life?
3. John says "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." What makes grace *and* truth both essential in the Christian life?
4. In your own words, describe what it means to "receive" Jesus.

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
☐ Reflect: Consider what it means for Jesus to be both fully God and fully human.	☐ Praise God for Christ being the light of life that gives light to everyone (John 1:4, 9).
☐ Respond: Where in your life do you need God's grace and truth?	☐ Ask God to help us see the glory of the Son of God and love him (John 1:14).
☐ Reach: Who in your life needs to receive Jesus? How can you pray for them?	☐ Pray that God would make us faithful witnesses to those who have yet to receive Jesus (John 1:7–8).