

John 1:1-18
The Word Became Flesh
Group Discussion Questions

- Welcome to 2026! From this Sunday up to Easter Sunday, we'll focus our attention on the person and work of Jesus Christ through the Gospel of John.
- To center our affections on Christ, as a church we'll memorize **John 1:1-18 ESV** between now and April 5, 2026.
- Below you'll see how each week we'll add one or two new verses.
- As a group, we encourage you to memorize these verses together from the ESV.
- To assist you, we encourage you (using *The Bible App*) to listen to **John 1:1-18 ESV** everyday as it's being read.
- As you listen each day, close your eyes and learn to repeat the verse with the narrator.
- Also, we've created a fill-in the blank scripture memory tool you can use in your groups to enhance the memorization process.
- Give yourself fully to this process. Few habits of grace (disciplines) are more transformative than the memorization of God's Word.
- May God richly bless you!

1/11/26	Memorize John 1:1-2 (ESV)
1/18/26	Memorize John 1:1-3 (ESV)
1/25/26	Memorize John 1:1-5 (ESV)
2/1/26	Memorize John 1:1-7(ESV)
2/8/26	Memorize John 1:1-9 (ESV)
2/15/26	Memorize John 1:1-10 (ESV)
2/22/26	Memorize John 1:1-11 (ESV)
3/1/26	Memorize John 1:1-13 (ESV)
3/8/26	Memorize John 1:1-14 (ESV)
3/15/26	Memorize John 1:1-15 (ESV)
3/22/26	Memorize John 1:1-16 (ESV)
3/29/26	Memorize John 1:1-17 (ESV)
4/5/26	Memorize John 1:1-18 (ESV)

Scripture Memory:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. **John 1:1-2 (ESV)**

- Read these 2 verses together as a group 3 times.
- On the 4th time through, close your eyes and repeat it from memory. State the address (**John 1:1-2**) before and after you quote the verse.
- Use this same process each week as you add additional verses.

Read John 1:1-18 - Big Picture

1. Have one person read **John 1:1-18** so the group can become familiar with the passage.
2. Have a second person read **John 1:1-18**. As they read, ask the group to listen for key descriptions of who Jesus is and the work Jesus came to do.
3. After **John 1:1-18** has been read twice, discuss the key themes that stood out to the group.

John 1:1-18 - A Closer Look

4. What does it say to you that "*the Word was with God, and the Word was God*" (v. 1)? **Answer: Jesus is not a created being. He is eternally preexistent with God.**
5. How does John's description of Jesus as the Creator (vv. 3, 10) contrast with common perceptions of Him?
6. Compare **John 1:3,10** to **Colossians 1:15-18**. What are the similarities between John's account of Jesus and Paul's account of Him?
7. In groups of 3 to 4 people, find other biblical references to Jesus being "Light" and "Life" (vss. 4 & 5). Share those with the group.
8. What does it then mean that Jesus is "Light" and "Life"?
9. For you personally, where have you seen God's light break through the darkness in your own life (v. 5)?
10. Why did John come as a witness to the light (vss. 6-8)? Couldn't Jesus bear witness of Himself alone?
11. Compare **John 1:10-11** to **Luke 4:14-30**. Jesus was not received well by Jewish leaders nor folks from His hometown. How do you make sense of that?

12. Why do you think so many people did not *recognize* or *receive* Jesus (v. 10-11)?
13. Read **John 1:12-13** aloud one more time. What do you see here is both the *process* and the *promise* of salvation?
14. Compare **John 1:14** to **Philippians 2:5-11** & **Hebrews 4:14-16**.
What does it mean to you that Jesus took on flesh and bone just like you and me?
15. Most of us here are either *Grace Givers* or *Truth Tellers* (vs. 14).
Which one are you?
16. What does it mean that Jesus is *full of grace and truth* (v. 14)?
17. How, as fallen human beings, can we grow to be more like Jesus - full of both grace and truth? See **John 1:16** and **2 Peter 1:3-4** for clues.
18. Vs. 18 describes Jesus' role as the revealer of God. How does this model how we should live and interact with others?

Personal Application

19. Who in your life needs to encounter Jesus, and how can you be a witness to them?
20. How can we pray for you this week?