

John 9

Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1:1-14.

Read John 9.

v. 1–7

- What question do the disciples ask Jesus when they see the blind man?
- What assumption are the disciples making about suffering and sin?
- According to Jesus, what is the purpose of this man's blindness?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "that the works of God might be displayed in him"?
- How can suffering sometimes become an opportunity for God's work to be displayed?
- What can we learn about trust and obedience from the blind man going to wash in the pool?

v. 8–12

- How do the neighbors react when they see the man who was healed?
- What simple explanation does the healed man give about what happened?
- Why do you think people had such difficulty believing the miracle?
- What can we learn from the man's simple testimony about sharing what Christ has done in our lives?

v. 13–34

- Why are the Pharisees upset about the miracle?
- What division develops among the Pharisees?
- How do the healed man's parents respond when they are questioned?
- Why are the religious leaders so resistant to believing that Jesus healed the man
- What are some ways religious pride can make people spiritually blind?
- Why can it be difficult to stand for truth when others may reject us for it?

v. 24–34

- What makes this man's testimony so powerful?
- How can a simple personal testimony be a powerful witness for Christ today?
- Have you ever experienced opposition when speaking about your faith?

v. 35-41

- What does Jesus mean when He says: “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” Who in this chapter is truly blind?
 - What are some ways people today may think they see spiritually but are actually blind?
 - What does it look like for a person today to receive spiritual sight from Jesus?
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John 8

Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1:1-13

Read John 7:53 and John 8

John 7:53-8:11 - The Woman Caught in Adultery

There is much debate as to where this passage belongs in the Gospel accounts as it was not a part of the oldest manuscripts and the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were already written and in circulation when John penned this Gospel. We do know, however, that it is authentic to Christ and worthy of sound doctrine.

1. The religious leaders use Mosaic Law in their attempt to test and trap Jesus. Read Leviticus 20:10. If they had truly cared about Mosaic justice, who else would have been standing before Jesus? What does this reveal about their hearts? Continue to examine the words and actions of the religious leaders. What discoveries do you make?
2. Examine Jesus' words and actions. What is revealed about Him and His heart? How do His words and actions neither condemn the woman nor condone her sin? How did Jesus shift the wrath of the Pharisees off of the woman and on to Himself? What is significant about this?
3. Standing alone with Jesus could have been the most fearful moment for the woman. Why is that? In what sense does every human stand where that woman stood?
4. How does identifying ourselves with the woman stop us from acting like the Pharisees? How does it cause us to love Jesus more?

John 8:12-30 - Jesus is the Light of the World

1. What does Jesus mean when He says He is the Light of the World? How does Psalm 27:1, and Isaiah 9:2; 42:6; 49:6 help in your understanding of Jesus' claim and what He was revealing about Himself?
2. How does Jesus being the "Light of the World" impact how we live as His followers? Are there areas in your life where His light needs to shine brighter?

3. Jesus says in v. 24 that people will die in their sins unless they believe that “I am He.” What does He mean by this and what does it teach us about the importance of faith in Him?
4. The people question and challenge Jesus’ identity throughout this passage. Have you ever struggled with doubts or questions about who Jesus is? How did you work through those?
5. How does Jesus’ relationship with the Father in this passage encourage you? What can we learn from His obedience and trust?

John 8:31-47 - Truth and Freedom

1. Jesus says in v. 31, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.” What does it mean to be a disciple? Read this verse in several different translations. What do you gather it means to “abide in my word” and how do we do this in our daily lives?
2. In v. 32 Jesus says, “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” What kind of freedom is Jesus referring to here? What is the relationship between the two verses?
3. Verses 33-36 talk about slavery to sin versus being set free by the Son. What does it mean to be a slave to sin? How can we practically live in the freedom Jesus offers?
4. Jesus makes a harsh statement in v. 44. What are the characteristics of the devil and how did the religious leaders display these same characteristics?
5. In v. 47 Jesus says, “Whoever is of God hears the words of God.” How can we develop a heart that truly listens to God’s voice, especially amid distractions or doubts? How can we better discern the “native language” (NIV translation) of the devil (lies) versus the truth of God in our daily lives?

John 8:48-59 - Jesus and Abraham

1. How do the accusations against Jesus in this passage reflect the misunderstandings people had about Him?

2. What is the significance of Jesus using the phrase “I AM” (v. 58) in relation to Exodus 3:14? Why did the crowd respond the way they did?
3. How do you respond when others question or challenge your faith, like Jesus was challenged here? What can we learn from His example?

Application

1. What resonated with you most from today’s discussion?
 2. What do you think God wants you to do about it?
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John 6:60-70 & John 7 Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1: 1-11

Read John 6:60-70 and John 7

John 6:60-70 Many Disciples Desert Jesus

To review, Jesus built on the statement, “I am the bread of life.” In verses 52-58, Jesus explains that his flesh and blood are the pathway to eternal life. Verse 56, says “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

Verse 60, “On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

- Having the benefit of the whole New Testament to learn from, what was Jesus saying?

Verse 66 says, “From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.”

- When you encounter hard teachings in Scripture, how do you respond?
- Read Peter’s response in v. 68-69. What are some ways to respond in order to stay close to Christ and grow as a disciple?

John 7:1-13 Jesus Goes to the Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles is a seven day feast celebrated in late September or early October. It memorializes the journey from Exodus to Canaan when the Israelites dwelled in tents in the wilderness, utterly dependent on God for survival. It celebrates the provisions and protection of God. It is a feast of great joy. It also points to God dwelling with humanity and the future hope of the Messiah’s reign on the earth.

- Why was Jesus reluctant to travel to Judea as was the custom of the Jews in Galilee?

Jesus’ brothers found it hard to believe that Jesus was more than a human being like them. While they could not deny his power, they failed to grasp his true identity.

- What did they think Jesus should do and why?
- Why is greatness such a temptation for mankind?
- What does this say about temptation and obedience?
- Why is family sometimes the most challenging relationship when we are trying to grow as a disciple of Jesus?

Jesus did travel to the feast secretly and remained in secret for several days.

- What do you imagine those days were like for him as he listened to what people were whispering about him?
- How do you handle the “whisperings of people” when it concerns you? When it concerns others you care about?

John 7:14-24 Jesus Teaches at the Feast

Halfway through the feast, Jesus makes his way to the temple courts and begins to teach.

Verses 16-17 Jesus says, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”

- What is the relationship between obedience (choosing to do God’s will) and wisdom (finding out if Jesus’ words are true)?
- How does obedience help us grow in wisdom in ways that learning through sinful failures or learning the hard way cannot?

Jesus challenges the Jews on practicing circumcision on the Sabbath and being upset with Jesus for healing on the Sabbath.

- Why does Jesus call this “judging by mere appearance”?

Verses 25-44 Is Jesus the Christ?

Divisions continue to emerge as Jesus teaches the truth about who He is, where he has come from and who sent him.

Verse 43 says, “Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.”

Verse 20, 25-27 & 31 The crowd fell into three basic categories: Disbelief, Confusion, Belief

- When confronted with the truth of who Jesus is, can you think of any other categories of response people have?
- The authorities wanted Jesus killed. Why did the Jewish authorities want Jesus killed? What would bring people to such a place that they want someone killed?
- V. 45-52 What were the responses of the temple guards and Nicodemus?
- Jesus spoke with boldness, regardless of the consequences. Are you currently being called to speak boldly about Jesus? If so, what are the struggles that keep you from speaking out?

Verses 37-39 The Living Water

From the Enduring Word Commentary:

“a. **On the last day, that great day of the feast:** The Feast of Tabernacles lasted eight days. All through the first seven days water from the Pool of Siloam was carried in a golden pitcher and poured out at the altar to remind everyone of the water God miraculously provided for a thirsty Israel in the wilderness. It seems that on the eighth

day there was *no* pouring of water – only prayers for water – to remind them that they came into the Promised Land.

b. Jesus stood and cried out: What Jesus was about to say was of great importance.

· Important because of *where* He said it (standing in the temple courts, right outside the temple itself).

· Important because of *when* He said it (at the last day of Tabernacles, after water had been poured out on the previous days).

· Important because of *how* He said it (crying out, even shouting – in contrast to the general tone of His ministry, according to Isaiah 42:2: He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street).”

Jesus extends the same invitation to drink of the living water that he extended to the woman at the well in John 4.

- Verse 37 says that Jesus extends this invitation to ANYONE to come and drink. What is the significance of that?
- Verses 38-39 What will be the result for anyone who accepts Jesus’ invitation to come and drink?
- What does it mean that the “streams of living water (the Spirit) will flow from within” that person?

We live on the other side of Pentecost, when the Spirit was sent to dwell within God’s people.

- How is your life different because you have the Spirit of the Living God living within you?
- What is the evidence of living water flowing from us?

Reflection Question: What is going on in my life that can only be explained by the presence and the power of the Spirit of God within me?

John 6

Group Discussion Questions

- **Review and Recite John 1:1-10 by Memory**
- Use the **Memorization Guide** the church has provided as an aid.

- **Read John 6:1-59** aloud. Break the chapter into 3 sections.
 - John 6:1-15 - Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
 - John 6:16-21 - Jesus Walks on Water
 - John 6:22-59 - I Am the Break of Life

- **John 6:1-15 - Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand - Discussion**
 1. Vs. 2 tells us “*a large crowd was following him (Jesus), because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.*”
 - Why do you follow Jesus?
 - Put yourself in the place of a person in this crowd. What would you think of Jesus after observing what He’s done?

 2. In vs. 5, Jesus asks Philip, “*Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?*” Vs. 6 gives the explanation for that question.
 - What does Jesus’ question reveal to us about Jesus?
 - What does John’s explanation for the question (vs. 6) reveal to us about Jesus?

 3. How much money would two hundred denarii be worth during Jesus’ time (in terms of wages)?

 4. What does vs. 7 reveal to us about Philip’s mindset? What would be your mindset if Jesus asked you this same question?

 5. After feeding the 5000, Jesus had the disciples gather up the leftovers. Why was there more food after the feeding than before?

 6. Compare God feeding the nation of Israel during the exodus in Number 11 to Jesus feeding the 5000. What do we learn from these miraculous provisions?

 7. When has Jesus stretched your limited resources (physically, financially, etc.) far beyond what you could have imagined? What does that tell you about Him?

- **John 6:16-21 - Jesus Walks on Water - Discussion**

1. Approximately, how big is the Sea of Galilee (width and length)? What does that say to you?
2. In 1986, a boat from the first century or earlier was found in the Sea of Galilee. It was approximately 26.5 feet long and 7.5 feet wide. It could hold about 15 people. So, this gives us an idea of the type of boat the disciples were in.
 - Would you get in a boat like this (in the middle of the night) and row 3 to 4 miles from shore?
3. Understanding the laws of physics, what does Jesus' walking on water say to us?
4. What did the disciples fail to see in the feeding of the 5,000 that could have helped them here?
5. Where in your life do you need to hear Jesus say, "*It is I; do not be afraid.*"?

- **John 6:22-59 - I Am the Bread of Life - Discussion**

1. Why are the crowds continuing to follow Jesus?
2. How is Jesus greater than the manna in the wilderness?
3. What does Jesus mean by "eating His flesh and drinking His blood"? What do you think you would have done if you'd heard Jesus say this?
4. Are there teachings of Jesus you find hard to accept?
5. In what ways do people today seek temporary "bread" instead of eternal life?
6. What does it mean for you personally that Jesus is the Bread of Life?

- **Application**

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John 5

Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1:1-7

Read John 5

Healing at the Pool

1. The scripture tells us there were a multitude of invalids at the pool. Jesus healed one. What do we learn about God from this?
2. Why do you think Jesus asked this man “Do you want to be healed?” Why might someone hesitate to say yes to healing or change?
3. The man’s response gives reasons instead of answering directly. How do we sometimes do the same with God?
4. The leaders focus on the man carrying his mat rather than the miracle. What does this reveal about their hearts? How can we guard our own hearts from slipping into a legalistic mindset?
5. Jesus later seeks the man out in the temple. What does this reveal about the way He cares for people?
6. What does verse 17 show us about God’s character and activity?

Jesus’s Authority

1. What does this passage teach us about who Jesus is—not just what He does?
2. How do verses 19–29 shape your understanding of how the Father and the Son relate to one another?
3. How does Jesus’ model of unity with the Father challenge the way we think about independence in our own lives?
4. How does understanding the Father’s love for the Son shape the way we think about God’s love for us? (Look back at John 3:16-17)

5. What does it mean that Jesus gives life and has authority to judge? What would it look like to receive life from Jesus rather than trying to manufacture it yourself?
6. Jesus says those who hear His voice will live. What helps you discern His voice amid noise, pressure, or expectations?

Witnesses to Jesus

1. Jesus talks about different witnesses that testify about Him (John the Baptist, His works, the Father's testimony, and the Scriptures). Which witness do you find most compelling and why?
2. The leaders searched the Scriptures but missed the One they pointed to. How can we study the Bible in a way that leads us to Jesus rather than just information?
3. What keeps people today from coming to Jesus even when they know about Him?

Reflection

1. The healed man had to leave behind a 38-year identity. What long-held mindset or story about yourself might Jesus be challenging?
 2. How do you respond when your faith or actions are challenged by others?
 3. Jesus speaks of a future moment when all will hear His voice and rise. How does this long-view perspective influence the way you handle present pressures or fears? What hope does this promise stir in you today?
 4. What part of your story could serve as a witness to His work in your life? Who in your life needs to hear it?
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John 4

Group Discussion Questions

John 4:1–6

Why do you think Jesus chose to leave Judea at this moment? What might this reveal about His priorities or timing?

John says Jesus “had to pass through Samaria.” Was this necessary?

Why is it important that John notes Jesus was weary? What does this teach us about Jesus’ humanity?

John 4:7–15

What social, ethnic, and moral barriers existed between Jesus and this woman? Which of these barriers are hardest for us to cross today?

Why does the woman misunderstand Jesus’ offer? What often keeps people from recognizing spiritual truth?

How does Jesus contrast physical water with “living water”? Where do people today look for satisfaction that ultimately leaves them thirsty?

John 4:16–26

Why does Jesus bring up the woman’s past at this point in the conversation? How does He handle truth and grace together?

What does it mean to worship “in spirit and truth”? How might this challenge both religious tradition and personal preference?

Why is it significant that Jesus openly reveals His identity to this woman? What does this tell us about who the gospel is for?

John 4:27–38

Why might the disciples have been surprised to see Jesus speaking with this woman?

What changes in the woman after her encounter with Jesus? Why is her testimony effective even though it’s incomplete?

What does Jesus mean when He says His food is to do the will of the Father? How does this reshape our view of purpose?

John 4:39–42

How does God use the woman's story despite her background and limited knowledge?

Why is it important that the Samaritans move from believing because of her testimony to believing because of Jesus Himself?

What does this chapter teach us about evangelism, personal brokenness, and God's pursuit of unlikely people?

John 3

Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1:1-5

Read: John 3

John 3:1-21

1. What do you learn about Nicodemus in this passage?
 - a. Pharisee: religious leaders who were experts on the law and took obeying the law, and additional rules, extremely seriously.
2. What are the implications of Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night?
3. Nicodemus comes to Jesus with an observation and statement about Jesus. From Jesus' response, what question do you imagine He saw in Nicodemus's heart?
4. What is meant by the Kingdom of God? (Consider John 18:36, Luke 17:20-21)
 - a. What difference does understanding the Kingdom of God make in our day to day lives?
5. If someone asked you, "What does it mean to be born again", how would you answer? What other passage can you think of that may help in your answer? (Consider 2 Corinthians 5:17)
6. "Born again" has a double meaning, with the Greek language meaning "born from above." When Jesus spoke of being "born again" (v. 3), He literally meant "from above," that is, "from God." Nicodemus did not understand so Jesus explained it in a more familiar way: "born of water and the Spirit". Jesus may have been referencing O.T. text which Nicodemus would have been familiar with.
 - a. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. What then, does it mean to be "born of water and the Spirit?"
7. In verses 14-15, Jesus is referencing the event that took place after the Lord had rescued the Israelites out of Egypt and they were in the wilderness, being led by Moses to the promised land. Read Numbers 21:4-9.
 - a. Why did the people face death by snake?
 - b. What was the only way to escape that death?
 - c. So what is Jesus saying about His death on the cross when He says in John 3 that He will be lifted up in the same way that the bronze snake was in the wilderness?
8. John 3:16 is, perhaps, one of the most well-known verses. Why is that? Say it from memory if you can.
9. Read John 3:16-21.
 - a. What do we learn about God the Father and Jesus the Son?
 - b. What do we learn about ourselves?

- c. How would verses 17-21 have been both an invitation and a warning to Nicodemus, sitting in the darkness, listening to Jesus?
10. Read John 7:50-52 and 19:38-42. What effect does this nighttime conversation with Jesus appear to have had on Nicodemus?

John 3:22-36

1. Why do John's disciples appear to be upset, possibly even jealous (v 22-26)?
2. How does John's response show us Christian humility? How does it show us how we can be effective witnesses to Christ?
3. How does John's joy at Jesus' arrival inspire our own attitudes to God's work?
4. How does John's declaration of, "He must increase, but I must decrease" apply to your own life?

Reflection

1. Who in your life needs to hear the Gospel message of John 3:16? Spend some time praying for them and asking the Lord to give you opportunities to share with them.
 2. How have you experienced loving darkness in your own life? How have you experienced Jesus' light shining into your darkness?
 3. How can you cultivate a heart that loves light more than darkness? Is there a way you need to allow Jesus' light to shine into an area of your life today?
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John 1:19-51 & John 2 Group Discussion Questions

Review and recite from memory John 1:1-3

There is a good deal of material to cover in these verses. For your group time, you may want to choose certain sections on which to focus.

John 1:1-18 not only gives us clarity on who Jesus is, it also brings into focus John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Let's take a closer look at him.

Read Luke 1:5-25, 57-66, Matthew 3:1-17, John 3:22-36, Matthew 11:1-15, Mark 6:14-29

- What are some impressions or insights you have as you read about the life of John the Baptist?

John 1:19-51

John the Baptist Denies Being the Christ:

- Why do the priests and Levites question John the Baptist about his identity? Why do you think the religious leaders were so concerned about authority and identity?
- What does John deny about himself before stating who he is?
- Why is it significant that John quotes Isaiah 40:3?
- How does John describe his role in relation to the One who is coming after him?
- What does John's humility teach us about true witness and ministry?

Jesus the Lamb of God

- What does John mean when he calls Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"?
- How would this title connect to Old Testament themes (Passover, sacrifice, atonement)?

- What does John say was the purpose of Jesus' baptism?
- How does the Spirit descending and remaining on Jesus confirm His identity?
- Why is John's testimony important even though he says he did not know Jesus at first?

Jesus' First Disciples

- What prompts the two disciples to follow Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus asks them, "What are you seeking?"
- What does their question, "Where are you staying?" reveal about their desire?
- How does Andrew respond after spending time with Jesus?
- What is the significance of Jesus renaming Simon as Cephas (Peter)? See Matthew 16:13-18
- How does this passage show that discipleship begins with invitation and relationship?
- Describe your journey of discipleship. Who played an integral role in your spiritual growth?

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

- How does Philip's invitation to Nathanael differ from an argument or debate?
- Who are you inviting to "come and see" rather than argue and debate with?
- Why is Nathanael skeptical about Jesus' origin, and how is his doubt addressed?
- What does Jesus' knowledge of Nathanael reveal about His nature?
- Why does Nathanael's confession in v. 49 mark a turning point in this passage?
- What does Jesus promise Nathanael he will see in the future?
- How does Jesus' reference to angels ascending and descending connect to Genesis 28:10-15?

John 2

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

- What details does John include about the setting of the wedding, and why might they matter?
- Why do you think Mary brings the problem of the wine shortage to Jesus?
- How should we understand Jesus' response, "My hour has not yet come"?
- What does Mary's instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," reveal about her faith?
- Why does Jesus choose ordinary stone jars used for purification?
- Did the servants obey completely or not? What effect do you imagine this had on the servants?
- What stands out about the quality and abundance of the wine Jesus provides?
- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' glory and His disciples' faith?
- Why do you think John calls this miracle a "sign" rather than simply a mir

Jesus Clears the Temple

- Why is Jesus so forceful in clearing the temple?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "Do not make my Father's house a house of trade"?
- How do the disciples understand Jesus' actions in light of Psalm 69:9 & Romans 15:3?
- Why do the Jewish leaders demand a sign, and how does Jesus respond?
- What does Jesus mean by "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"?

- Why do the disciples only understand this saying after the resurrection?

Reflection:

- How do both scenes (Cana and the temple) reveal different aspects of Jesus' authority?
 - What reverence should Christians have for houses of worship? How do we determine what is appropriate conduct for a house of worship?
 - Are there areas within your own personal worship that have become compromised and need reordering?
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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?