

JOHN 1:1-18 (*Prologue*) Week of September 3, 2023

READ John 1:1-18 as a group. Go around the group and share a phrase that stands out to you!

As a journey group touch on at **FOUR** or **FIVE** of main themed verses of JOHN 1:1-18

<u>The comparison to the Genesis narrative</u>... (How does this text support the idea of the *Trinity*?)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. JOHN 1:1-2

Talk about the reference to LIFE and LIGHT... (Mention the antonyms of **Darkness** & Death) **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. JOHN 1:4-5

<u>The introduction of John the Baptist</u>... (What did John do before Jesus showed up?)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. (We will discuss him more in the following verses to come!)

The reality of those who rejected and will reject the Messiah... (He

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

What does "His own people" mean? What are the implications for the rest of the world? ROMANS 1:16

Jesus is the Messiah who brings salvation to "all"... (Notice the 3 <u>underlined</u> words below)

12 But to all who did <u>receive</u> Him, who <u>believed</u> in His name, He gave the right to <u>become</u> children of God 13 Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<u>The Word moved into our neighborhoods</u>... (The Word became flesh and we have seen Him) **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John (the beloved) mentions John the Baptist again... (Both Johns pointed to Jesus!)

15 (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'")

Jesus completed the Law and offers us Grace... (Talk about how Jesus offers Grace & Truth) 16 For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.