

John 1:1-5 English Standard Version (ESV)

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. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **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.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Meditate for a moment on creation: the earth, the moon, the stars, etc. What aspect of creation most captures your heart and leaves you in awe?

Read John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1:1-5. What connections do you notice between these two passages?

In John 1:1-5, what statements does John make about the Word? Who or what is this Word John is writing about?

Reflect for a moment about light and darkness. Both of these words can have literal and figurative meanings. What are some of the ways we use both of these words?

How do you think John is using light and darkness in John 1?

Read 1 John 1:1-10. What connections do you notice between this passage and John 1:1-5?

What does John say about light and darkness in 1 John 1:1-10?

What does it mean to “walk in the light” in 1 John 1:7?

Consider your own life. Are you walking in the light or are you walking in darkness? Or are you trying to walk in both?

What changes do you need to make in your life so that you can walk the walk to which you are called? How can your group help you?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?