

### Check-in

- 1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
- 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
- 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?

## Scripture

Read John 1:1-13

## Key Point From Message

- → Jesus is God
- → Jesus is eternally pre-existent
- $\rightarrow$  Jesus is the light and the source of life

#### Other Scripture Referenced: John 20:31; Genesis 1:1; 1 John 2

#### **Discipleship Group Framework**

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the "Discover" section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.



# Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- → Grow towards God though daily worship
- → Love one another by gathering as family members
- → Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom

→ Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

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As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

#### Discover

- 1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
- 2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
- 3. What does the text say about the work of God?
- 4. What does the text say about our identity?
- 5. How does this change the way we live?

## Deepen

- 1. What challenged you about this week's message?
- 2. What is your understanding of the Trinity? What do you find challenging about understanding the Trinity?
- 3. We were created out of the community of the Trinity. What significance do you think this has on the importance of community?
- 4. Does your life emit the same light as Jesus? Are those who don't believe the gospel attracted to your light?
- 5. How are you being generous with your time, talents, and treasures this Christmas?
- 6. How does your household look different than the average American household during this season? Would others describe your generosity as radical?

# **Action Step**

The book of John was written so that we may believe Jesus is the Messiah. As a group how are you sharing the gift of salvation with others this Christmas season? Discuss with your group ways you can bless and be generous towards others. Discuss what needs there are both inside the church and with your neighbors that will help others see the love of Christ. Make a plan to share the gift of the gospel and meet the needs you identify.

# Memory Verse

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:1-5 (CSB)