

Christmas from the Beginning
John 1:1-5, 9-13 (ESV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Outline

1. The Word
 - a. Pre-existent
 - b. Written
 - c. Incarnate
2. The Light
3. Rejection

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. What was God’s chosen mechanism to Create? To Rescue?
2. How do we know that The Word was not a created being?
3. Where does The Light shine? What changes does The Light bring about?
4. What are the consequences of not recognizing and subsequently rejecting The Word, The Light of the World?
5. What difference does it make that The Word is Pre-Existent, Written, and Incarnate?