

John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.



The Word Became Flesh

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FIVE THINGS

AS GOD – Jesus exists eternally and has all authority.

AS CREATOR – Jesus is more capable and powerful than we realize or give Him credit for.

AS THE WORD – Jesus gives us reality and truth, overcoming deceit.

AS SON – Jesus reveals God's nature and is God in the flesh before us.

AS LIFE-GIVER – Jesus is God's grace given to us, able to redeem brokenness and restore us to life.

AS GOD

If Jesus is who the Bible says He is, then it means:

- We need to **listen**.
- God has **spoken** to us.
- We have a clear picture of **reality** and **truth**.
- It matters how we **respond** and there are consequences.

AS CREATOR

- He is able to **handle** infinitely **more** than we trust Him with.
- He has a **plan** that is **bigger** than any one person.
- We **exist** because of His will.

AS THE WORD

- He gives us the opportunity to live for more than what our **eyes** and immediate circumstances can **see**.

AS SON

- To know **God** more, look to **Jesus**.

AS LIFE-GIVER

- Give your **life** to Jesus to be made **alive** and **overcome** the darkness.

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The Sword & All
Ephesians 6:10-18

11/24/2019

GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. **How would you describe your view of God? Is your understanding of God large or small? Why do you think that is (or what influences in your life have aided that view of God)?**

3. The Bible says that Jesus is God. **Is that important and why?**

GETTING PERSONAL

4. Read [Ephesians 3:20-21](#). Thinking more on our view of Jesus, being big or small, **where in your life do you struggle to trust that God and His will are "big enough", right and trust-worthy in your life? What areas are easier to trust God with?**

5. God is more than we give Him credit for and bigger than we allow ourselves to trust and imagine. And that includes His will for you and for your life. **If God has a will and a plan for your life that is bigger than your circumstances and what you can see in the moment oftentimes, why is it so important to trust God and center your life around following Him?**

BRINGING IT HOME

6. John 1 says that "in Him was life". In [John 14:6-7](#): ⁶ **Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."**

So, Jesus is the way to life.

John 1:12 says:

¹² **Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...**

A) **If you have not already, is committing your life to Christ something you would like to do or talk more to someone about? Are there questions you have about trusting God with your life?**

B) **If you are already a believer, is there an area in your life where you need to live out of the life Christ has given you and let His light overcome an area of darkness?**

PRAY TOGETHER