



## Group Questions

1. Was there anything that stood out to you from this week's message? What was it and why?
2. How would you summarize the "big idea" of this beautiful passage of John?
  - a. Why do you think John identifies Jesus as "the Word"? What does this title tell us?
  - b. How does the description of Jesus as "the Word" relate to John's gospel as a whole?
  - c. What is the purpose of the incarnation of Christ?
3. In [John 1.5](#) we are told "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (*look up this verse in other translations also*) How do you interpret this? What do you think John means?
  - a. What would the world look like if Jesus had not brought the light of the gospel?
  - b. Are there moments in your life when you feel overwhelmed by anxiety, fear, or isolation? How does the picture of Jesus as a light shining in the darkness speak to you in those circumstances?
  - c. Why was it necessary for John to bear witness to the light?
  - d. How are you bearing witness to the light of Jesus?
4. What are good things about Christmas that can sometimes be distractions from the real point of Christmas? Which do you personally struggle with the most? How might you shift your focus this year?
5. Have you ever experienced "messy love" in your life/family? What did / does that look like and how can you seek to be like Christ in those moments?