

RESETTING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL OF JOHN

What authority is shaping culture?

Reading of the Prologue: John 1:1-18

Ideas have consequences –

BI: The Word // JESUS // Is Creator GOD

John 1:1 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.

1. **GOD was always like Jesus (John 1:1)**
2. **Jesus was always with GOD (John 1:1-2)**
3. **Jesus was always of the very same essence as GOD (John 1:1-3)**



Application In Community

Welcome: We are thrilled you are here. As you know, our culture has been experiencing a lot of change over the years and it feels like these changes have sped up since Covid began. People are tired and we all need a reset. Some believe this is an opportunity to push the pedal to floor of progress. But as C.S. Lewis noted, “If you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; and in that case the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive man.” He was referring to society’s evolution without faith in Christ. I would argue this is where America went wrong. And while some in 2022 want a “Great Reset” without Judeo-Christian values, I believe that would decimate our culture. It wouldn’t be a great reset, but a great disappointment.

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So, what to do? We need to reset with Jesus. Plain and simple. Since forsaking Christ is where we went wrong, it is time to do an about-turn and walk back to where we forsook Christ and begin down the right road. And thus, to help you, we are in the Gospel of John to reset with Jesus.

How to? The best place to start is in Christian community called a church (make sure it is a church that actually believes the Bible). At Grace, we have two expressions of church – congregational worship & small groups. Connect with Tiea if you would like to join or start a Home Community or Life Group. She is our Director of Connections. She will be at the Information Desk out in the foyer at the end of worship or you can email her at tieah@gracechurchseattle.org –

Application Qs:

1. Read John 1:1-3–talk about significance of Jesus existing before creation.
2. What does it mean that Jesus has always had the same essence as GOD?
3. Read John 1:4-5 – talk about light and darkness and the concept that darkness cannot overcome light (v. 5)
4. Why does the above matter?

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