



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 9th Feb 2025



John 1:1-18 Joth Hunt SEBA

Warm Up

Do you play scrabble? What is your favourite word to make that scores you loads of points? Think about how words can change us, enlighten us and educate us.... but can they bring life?

Background and context

This is one of the most famous Biblical passages, one which leaves us in no doubt that John believed Jesus to be God incarnate. He uses the Greek term LOGOS (word) which not only means the spoken word, but also the unspoken word, reason or logic. When applied to the universe it meant the rational principle that governs all things. The Jews used the same word differently. For them it was a way of referring to God Himself. John cleverly uses the word to appeal to both Jew and gentile.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ John 1:1-18. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. Who is the "Word" mentioned in v1? What do we learn about Him?
2. Read v1-5. What is the relationship between the Word and the Father?
3. What does the imagery of "light" in v 5 and 8 signify about Jesus' role on earth?
4. What does the "word became flesh" mean? How does this help us understand Jesus?
5. Read v12-13 Who are the children of God? How is this different from the way many people use the phrase?
6. What does it mean to "receive" Jesus? How does it impact a person's life?
7. Compare and contrast how John the Baptist is described in v6-8 and the way Jesus is described in v15-18.
8. How do you think this passage challenges common misconceptions that people have of Jesus?

Discipleship and Application



9. What do you understand by the phrase "grace and truth" in v17? How can you apply this to your own life?
10. How are we like John the Baptist? How should we be like Jesus?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.