

Introducing Jesus

John 1:1-5

- Greet your group! Allow time for everyone to share the best part of their week.
- Take prayer requests and ask someone to open in prayer.

Share:

The main idea of today's lesson is Jesus is God, born to deliver mankind from death and darkness. We live in a culture increasingly spiritual yet hesitant to commit to saying there is one absolute truth. To many people, Jesus was a philosopher. Others view him as a good man with important things to say. Some view Jesus as just another prophet who came to point us to God. This is why the first words in the Gospel of John are so important. They answer the questions, Who is Jesus, and why did he come to earth?

-Carter, Matt, Josh Wredberg, David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida. *Exalting Jesus in John*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishing Group, 2017.

Discuss:

Who is Jesus?

How have you heard other people answer the question of who Jesus is?

- Read **John 1:1-5** together as a group. (you may assign this to one person or several people)
- Allow each student to read the passage alone completing a H.E.A.R. Journal. (**Highlight** what stands out to you, **Explain** what the passage is saying, **Apply** this passage to your life, **Respond**)
- Allow time for sharing from H.E.A.R. Journals

Small Group Discussion Questions:

Who does John tell us that Jesus is?

Why are God's words powerful? What scriptures show the power of God's Word?

Why does John call Jesus "the Word"? What does this title tell us about Jesus? (Pg. 10)

What does John want us to believe about Jesus from this passage?

Read Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1. What connection do you see between these two verses? How does this connection show a difference between Jesus and creation?

Why did Jesus come to earth?

What would the world look like if Jesus had not brought the light of the gospel?

What does it mean to be a Christian? What changes have taken place in your life as a result of being a Christian?

What is the good news of the gospel? If someone were to examine your life, what would they think is your good news?

Are there moments in your life where you feel overwhelmed by anxiety, fear, or isolation? How does the picture of Jesus as a light shining in the darkness help you with those circumstances?

*Don't feel like you have to get through all of these questions. Allow time for reflections and meditation upon God's word! Silence is okay! Allow the Holy Spirit to work and focus on where you see Him moving in your group!