

Small Groups  <i>Connect. Care. Change.</i>	<h1>Jesus the Creator</h1> <p>Session One</p>
Term: Oct/Nov, 2017 1st of 5 Studies	

Welcome back! To respect the rest of the group and especially the host and leader, let's all try not to miss a meeting!

1. Crowd-breaker (15min) [Leaders, please don't skip this.]

- A very abstract discussion...why do you think we humans are on this planet? By accident? By design?

2. Video (5 min) Watch the Session 1 video together as a group and note anything that impacts you.

3. Introduction

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple." (Psalm 27:4)

Beauty is sometimes used as a synonym for goodness, splendor, glory, or majesty. Jesus is the essence of perfection and thus the most beautiful Being in the universe. All beauty is defined by and has its source in God himself.

We pray that if you don't yet marvel at the beauty of Christ Jesus, you will discover His amazing beauty revealed in who He is and in His amazing love.

John gives us an introduction to Jesus in his gospel in the first chapter. He is our Creator, He is human, He is the Lamb of God, the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and He is the King of Kings. There is so much to learn about Jesus. He is also healer, teacher and mediator with God, and so much more!

He calls Himself the Way, the Truth and the Life. In this small group series we want to know Jesus and worship Him together.

Today we are getting to know Jesus the Creator whom John calls God.

4. Scripture **Read: Genesis 1 & John 1:1-18**

Leaders, only assign paragraphs to those who like to read.

5. Discussion (45 min)

1. John wants us to know that Jesus is God. Quickly locate the verses in John 1:1-18 that clearly and/or indirectly indicate to us that Jesus is God.

2. John calls Jesus "the Light" (John 1:4-9). Discuss the significance of this. Why do we need "The Light?"

3. Why is Jesus called "The Word of God?"

- In Genesis 1, count the number of times it says, "Then **God said...**" (NLT), "And **God said...**" (NIV, KJV, ESV)
- John 1 tells us the Jesus is the "Word of God."

Read:
In the Old Testament the "word" of God is often personified as an instrument for carrying out God's will.
Read: Psalm 33:6; 107:20
So, for his Jewish readers, by introducing Jesus as the "Word," John is pointing them back to the Old Testament.

- **Read John 14:9-11**
- As the Word of God, what else does Jesus do? Discuss.

4. Genesis 1:1-3 Can you see the Trinity in the first three verses of the Bible? Discuss.

5. When it comes to the Christian faith, believing in Jesus as the Creator is non-negotiable. Read Hebrews 11:3 and John 1:10-13.

- Why do you think that this is important?

6. Prayer time not everyone has to pray out loud.

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