



Uniontown Bible Church

Sermon Guide
April 12: John 1

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus is fully God and has existed eternally - He was with God and was God from the beginning (John 1:1-2)
2. Jesus is the Creator of all things - Everything that exists was made by Him and for Him (John 1:3)
3. We were made by Jesus and for Jesus - Our restlessness comes from being separated from our true purpose (Colossians 1:16)
4. The darkness cannot overcome the light - Despite humanity's best attempts to extinguish Jesus, He conquered sin, death, and Satan (John 1:5)
5. Salvation comes through receiving Jesus, not earning it - It's not about bloodline, effort, or deserving—it's about God's grace (John 1:12-13)
6. Jesus brings both fullness of grace AND fullness of truth - We see both perfectly displayed at the cross (John 1:14, 16)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read John 1:1-5. Why do you think John starts his Gospel so differently than Matthew, Mark, and Luke? What is he trying to communicate about Jesus right from the start?
2. If you really think you've got God figured out, you're far from getting it. Why is mystery an important part of our relationship with God? How does this comfort or challenge you?
3. How does understanding that Jesus is the Creator (John 1:3) change the way you view your own existence and purpose?
4. Read Colossians 1:16 and Augustine's quote: "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Where have you been looking for rest and satisfaction outside of Jesus?

5. What "Christmas morning" moments have you experienced where you got what you wanted but still felt empty?
6. If I have been created by Jesus and for Jesus, then it makes sense why my job, relationships, nor anything else will never ultimately satisfy me. What areas of life have you been expecting to give you the satisfaction that only Jesus can provide?
7. Read John 1:5, 9-11. Jesus came as light into the world, yet many didn't recognize Him. Why do you think people miss Jesus even when He's right in front of them?
8. The Pharisees had all the information about the coming Messiah but still rejected Him. What warning does this hold for us as people who have Bibles, go to church, and know Christian practices?
9. Read John 1:12-14, 16-18. What does it mean that we receive "grace upon grace" like waves at the beach? Can you share a time when you experienced this overwhelming grace?
10. Jesus came with "fullness of grace AND fullness of truth." Why is it dangerous to emphasize one without the other? Which do you tend to lean toward more naturally, and how can you grow in balance?
11. Two forms of arrogance were mentioned: "I deserve salvation" and "God can't possibly save me." Have you ever struggled with the second form? How does understanding grace combat both types of arrogance?

Practical Applications:

1. Read John 1:1-18 every day this week. Each day, write down one new thing you notice about who Jesus is.
2. Identify your "restless" areas. Make a list of things you've been pursuing for satisfaction. Pray over each one, surrendering it to Jesus and asking Him to be your ultimate source of rest.
3. Practice grace and truth together. Think of one relationship where you need to speak truth in love or extend grace. Take one concrete step this week.

4. Share the real Jesus. Have a conversation with one person this week about who Jesus truly is –not a cultural version, but the Jesus of Scripture.
5. Memorize John 1:12-13. Let this truth about being a child of God sink deep into your identity.
6. Support unreached peoples. Research one unreached people group and pray for them daily. Consider how you can invest time, talent, or treasure in reaching those who have never heard Jesus' name.