

# Scripture this week:

## John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## He is Here

John 1:1-18

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John tells us how the Son of God entered into our history so that the glory and grace of God might be fully publicized.

- The Word is God. (Jesus is the Word)
- John the Baptist introduced the Word to our world.
- The Word, the true light, came personally into the world.
- The Word became a human being.

## Questions for Discussion:

### **Notes:**

### John 1:1-18

#### What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize John 1:1-18?
2. How does John describe the relationship between the "Word" and God?
3. How does John describe the relationship between the "Word" and humanity?
4. Define the 'world' as John is using the term here. Describe the relationship between the "Word" and the world?
5. Who are the children of God?
6. How would you paraphrase v. 14? Why might this verse be difficult to fathom for the original audience?
7. If the Jews already believed in God, why does John say "he has made him known" (v. 18)?
8. What is the big idea of 1:1-18?

#### How does it apply?

1. How does this passage fit in our series?
2. How does Jesus' coming into the world fulfill what had been promised?
3. What is the tension in this text? How have other people tried to solve this tension? How do we solve it?
4. How does this text give us a bigger picture of who God is?
5. What emotions strike you when you read this passage?