

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

John 1:1-5; 8:12

For Starting

- What is one thing that you have done that you would love to have the opportunity to do again?
- How would you spend your 100th birthday?
- Have you ever been afraid of the dark? What happened?
- How would you explain colours to a blind person? How would you explain “eternity” to someone else?

For Reviewing

- Re-read v.1, replacing “the Word” with “Jesus”. What does this tell you about who Jesus is? See also Psalm 119:105.
- Who “was with God in the beginning” (v.2)? See Isaiah 44:6.
- Compare v.3 with Colossians 1:15-17. What does this tell you about Jesus’ timelessness?
- What was “in him” [Jesus] (v.4)? Why is this so special?
- What does light do to the darkness (v.5)?
- Who “will never walk in darkness” (v.12)?

For Discussion

- John 1:4-5 uses THREE significant motifs/themes: life, light and darkness. Read Genesis 1 and note how often these themes appear. How does this present Jesus as the new Creation?
- In what ways does Jesus fulfill Old Testament promises of the coming of the “light” of salvation? See Exodus 25:37, Leviticus 24:2, Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 9:2, Exodus 13:21.
- “*The fundamental principle of Christianity is to be what God is, and he is light.*” Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?
- What do we need to do to make sure Jesus’ light continues to shine into our heart and puts out the darkness?
- How can we explain Jesus’ statement of being “The Light of the World” to our non-Christian friends? How can Jesus help us to be a light in the darkness?
- You could end by reading together John 8:12.

John 1:1-5 (NIVUK)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12 (NIVUK)

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."